

**Chapter 35.01 RCW**  
**MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS CLASSIFIED**

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35.01.010 First-class city.  
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35.01.040 Town.

*Combined city and county municipal corporations: State Constitution  
Art. 11 § 16 (Amendment 58).*

*Determining population  
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*Towns, generally: Chapter 35.27 RCW.*

**RCW 35.01.010 First-class city.** A first-class city is a city with a population of ten thousand or more at the time of its organization or reorganization that has a charter adopted under Article XI, section 10, of the state Constitution. [1994 c 81 § 3; 1965 c 7 § 35.01.010. Prior: 1955 c 319 § 2; prior: (i) 1890 p 140 § 11, part; RRS § 8932, part. (ii) 1907 c 248 § 1, part; 1890 p 140 § 12, part; RRS § 8933, part.]

**RCW 35.01.020 Second-class city.** A second-class city is a city with a population of fifteen hundred or more at the time of its organization or reorganization that does not have a charter adopted under Article XI, section 10, of the state Constitution, and does not operate under Title 35A RCW. [1997 c 361 § 9; 1994 c 81 § 4; 1965 c 7 § 35.01.020. Prior: 1955 c 319 § 3; prior: (i) 1890 p 140 § 11, part; RRS § 8932, part. (ii) 1907 c 248 § 1, part; 1890 p 140 § 12, part; RRS § 8933, part.]

**RCW 35.01.040 Town.** A town has a population of less than fifteen hundred at the time of its organization and does not operate under Title 35A RCW. [1997 c 361 § 10; 1994 c 81 § 5; 1965 c 7 § 35.01.040. Prior: 1963 c 119 § 2; 1955 c 319 § 5; prior: (i) 1890 p 140 § 11, part; RRS § 8932, part. (ii) 1890 p 141 § 13; RRS § 8934.]