



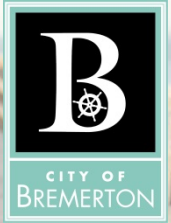
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*February 19, 2020*

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# Most Affordable Beach Towns



## City of Bremerton Recently Ranked as 26<sup>th</sup> Most Affordable Beach Town in the Country!

SmartAsset looked at data for 219 waterfront cities across four metrics: median home value, average number of rooms per house, median property taxes paid and monthly housing costs.

Rank	City	Median Home Value	Average Rooms per House	Median Annual Property Taxes	Median Monthly Housing Costs	Index
25	Essex, MD	\$ 184,800	6.4	\$ 2,483	\$ 1,099	81.54
26	Bremerton, WA	\$ 210,300	6.1	\$ 2,199	\$ 1,025	80.31
27	Deerfield Beach, FL	\$ 153,600	4.7	\$ 1,457	\$ 1,115	79.77

Full list of ranked cities can be found at: <https://smartasset.com/mortgage/most-affordable-beach-towns-2020>

# Bremerton Area Ranked as 10<sup>th</sup> Most Vibrant Medium-Sized Community in America



- Bremerton-Silverdale area received ranking in 2019 Arts Vibrancy Index Report; selected out of 900 cities in the U.S.
- Bremerton-Silverdale ranks in the top 3% of communities in overall arts dollars and scores high in government support, federal arts dollars and grants

## Excerpt from the Arts Vibrancy Index Report:

*“The City of Bremerton has a robust arts district with a number of fine art galleries, three museums, and two performing arts venues. It is home to several organizations, including the Admiral Theatre, Bremerton Community Theatre, Bremerton Symphony, Kitsap Opera, Peninsula Dance Theatre, and West Sound Arts Council.”*

*Source: Fifth Annual Arts Vibrancy Index Report - National Center for Arts Research at Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX*



**Open Air Gallery:  
Art Panel Dedication**

**THURS, FEB 20  
@ 1:30 PM**

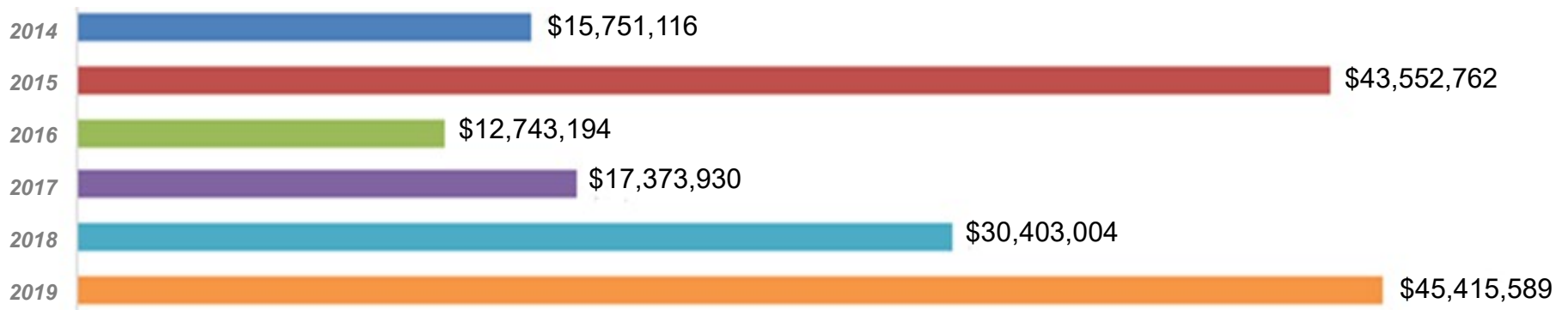
**Washington Ave + Manette Bdg**



## 2019 Permit Activity Update

Quarter 3 (July-September)

This quarter has set the bar as the highest quarter ever:





# Permits Approved by Year, 2003-2019

Year	# of Permits	Total Valuations
2003	1086	\$6,904,795
2004	773	\$31,790,746
2005	792	\$76,695,990
2006	912	\$69,612,099
2007	848	\$46,454,987
2008	798	\$45,247,585
2009	803	\$31,526,778
2010	806	\$36,861,186
2011	876	\$37,885,512
2012	694	\$23,567,771
2013	832	\$52,429,161
2014	680	\$36,780,006
2015	683	\$81,678,047 *
2016	870	\$53,476,252
2017	929	\$51,297,918
2018	1238	\$79,461,508
2019	848	\$77,972,713 **

*\*Includes Olympic College Instructional Center construction valued at \$36.3 Million*

*\*\*Permits through September 30, 2019*