

# Council tax premiums on second homes

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**Petition Number:** P-05-1009

**Petition title:** Mandate Welsh Councils to apply a minimum 100% Council Tax surcharge on second homes

**Text of petition:** Second homes and seasonal homes are destroying our rural communities, while pricing locals out of the housing market. Meanwhile many second home owners avoid paying any Council Tax by claiming small business relief. The Welsh Government should be actively discouraging this and applying penalties of 10% of value of second home for wilful avoidance.



# 1. Council tax premiums on second homes

The Welsh Government published [Council Tax dwellings: April 2020 to March 2021](#) in January 2020. Table 6 on page 9 shows that eight authorities were proposing to charge a second home premium in the current financial year:

- Anglesey
- Gwynedd
- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- Flintshire
- Powys
- Ceredigion
- Pembrokeshire

Additionally, [Swansea Council](#) has indicated that it will be charging a council tax premium on second homes from April 2021.

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