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If M is an atomic monoid and x is a nonzero non-unit element of M , then the set of lengths $\mathbf{L}(x)$ of x is the set of all possible lengths of factorizations of x , where the length of a factorization is the number of irreducible factors (counting repetitions). In a recent paper, F. Gotti and C. O’Neil studied the sets of elasticities $\mathcal{R}(P) := \{\sup \mathbf{L}(x)/\inf \mathbf{L}(x) : x \in P\}$ of Puiseux monoids P . Here we take this study a step further and explore the local k -elasticities of the same class of monoids. We find conditions under which Puiseux monoids have all their local elasticities finite as well as conditions under which they have infinite local k -elasticities for sufficiently large k . Finally, we focus our study of the k -elasticities on the class of primary Puiseux monoids, proving that they have finite local k -elasticities if either they are boundedly generated and do not have any stable atoms or if they do not contain 0 as a limit point. (Received September 25, 2018)