

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL YAKIMA, WASHINGTON AGENDA STATEMENT

Item No. 9.A.

For Meeting of: December 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Resolution amending the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule

regarding domestic water rates and fees (YMC 7.56 and 7.68)

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works

*Mike Shane, Water/Irrigation Division Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution amending the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule regarding domestic water rates and fees as described in YMC 7.56 and 7.68.

Over the past several months, FCS Group has performed a detailed evaluation of the City's domestic water operating and capital fund needs for FY 2025 – 2029. The Water Utility Rate Study presented to City Council on October 22, 2024 described the methodology behind the evaluation and recommended the proposed rates to support the recovery of the actual costs of providing services, including those identified in the proposed 2025-2026 budget. The study evaluated the water fund's on-going operating and maintenance costs, planned capital expenditures, debt service, and maintaining an adequate reserve balance for unexpected emergency expenditures. The study evaluated and recommended updated rates and fees for the ready-to-service charge, unit of consumption charge, domestic and distribution connections charges, and water service installation fees.

Updates to the Master Fee Schedule reflect the following:

- Water Service Installation 2025-2029 incremental fee increase for 3/4" and 1" services.
- Domestic and Distribution Connection charge increase for 3/4" 4" metered services.
- Ready-To-Serve Charge for 3/4" 12" services and Unit of Consumption increase:
 - 6.5% annual increases from 2025-2027
 - 4.5% annual increases for 2028 and 2029

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Resilient Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

RESOLUTION amend master fee schedule water rates and fees