



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7.O.
For Meeting of: November 18, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise agreement to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (CNG) to construct, operate and maintain a natural gas transmissions/distribution system and facilities within the City of Yakima

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Preston, Community Development Director

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has operated in the City of Yakima for many decades. The current franchise Ordinance No. 2015-026 with Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is a ten-year franchise and the term ends in November 2025.

This ordinance is being presented to the City Council following negotiation with Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("CNG") regarding the franchise. The ordinance is the franchise itself. RCW 35.21.860 does not allow a city to impose a franchise fee on a natural gas business. Pursuant to YMC 5.50.050, CNG pays a utility tax to the City of six percent of gross revenue derived from its business in the City.

The franchise is for a period of ten years, with an option to extend the franchise for successive five-year periods if the extensions are approved by the City Council at a business meeting and executed by CNG.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

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RECOMMENDATION: Pass Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Ordinance_CNG Franchise Final Draft 2025-2035](#)