



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

Item No. 9.E.
For Meeting of: February 18, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 7.92.040, Incentive program for water and/or wastewater connection charges

SUBMITTED BY: Sara Watkins, City Attorney

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Council directed staff to return to council with ordinance language that would allow the Council to utilize the 1406 money from the affordable housing sales and use tax, for all of the uses outlined in state statute (RCW 82.14.540). The current Affordable Housing Incentive Program, found in YMC 7.92, has the 1406 money being used for the incentive program. The proposed amendment to YMC 7.92.040 would make using the 1406 money optional, rather than required, for the Affordable Housing Incentive Program. Notably, this Program was created to comply with grant requirements for the CHIP grants that you have approved for a number of large affordable housing projects. Leaving the Program in place allows the City to fund it with grant money as received, or with other money as the Council deems appropriate. It provides the flexibility to use the 1406 money in other ways.

YMC 3.78.065 and YMC 3.78.067 are included with these documents. Those ordinances already give the City Council the authority it has under the state statute to use the sales and use tax it is retaining for the purposes outlined in the statute. As such, another ordinance is not necessary—the authority has already been granted to the City.

ITEM BUDGETED: No

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RECOMMENDATION: Pass Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

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