



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

Item No. 9.E.
For Meeting of: November 19, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 5.96.020 relating to ambulance services

SUBMITTED BY: Aaron Markham, Yakima Fire Chief

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

On May 28, 2024, the Board of Yakima County Commissioners awarded a sole-source emergency medical services ("EMS") contract to American Medical Response. As presently drafted, Section 5.96 of the Yakima Municipal Code regulating ambulance services does not distinguish between EMS and private ambulance transfers, both of which operate in the City of Yakima. A distinction between the two types of ambulance services in Section 5.96 would clarify that it is intended to regulate EMS ambulances, and not ambulances used for private transfers of individuals. Ambulances used for private transfers will still be subject to regulation under State law.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Safe and Healthy Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Pass Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:
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