



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

Item No. 9.B.
For Meeting of: December 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Resolution amending the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule regarding wastewater rates, charges and fees

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works
* Mike Price, Wastewater/Stormwater Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution amending the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule regarding wastewater rates, charges and fees. Over the past several months, the FCS Group has performed a detailed evaluation of the City's Wastewater operation, maintenance, and capital funding needs for FY 2025 – 2029.

The Wastewater Utility Rate Study presented to City Council on July 23, 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 wastewater utility's on-going operating and maintenance costs, planned capital expenditures, debt service, and maintaining an adequate reserve balance for unexpected emergency expenditures.

The attached resolution includes annual increases to the following rates, charges and fees effective in 2025 and continuing through 2029:

- 3% for Ready-to-Serve and Consumption
- 5.3% for Wastewater Pretreatment Fee
- 10.1% for BOD strong waste surcharge
- 6.6% for TSS strong waste surcharge
- 1.6% for Fats, Oils, & Grease strong waste surcharge
- 9% for Connection Charge

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Resilient Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

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