



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

Item No. 9.I.
For Meeting of: April 14, 2026

ITEM TITLE: City Council Code of Ethics and Principles of Conduct

SUBMITTED BY: Sara Watkins, City Attorney

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Council directed staff to bring back an updated (providing simpler, straightforward language) code of ethics for Council's review. A revised Code of Ethics and Principles of Conduct are attached. Staff provides the following links for examples to other jurisdictions' codes of ethics as well:

<https://www.federalwaywa.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Department/CK/Code%20of%20Ethics.pdf>

<https://www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/8313/639063118079700000>

https://www.cityofvancouver.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/100-36_ethics_policy.pdf

<https://www.cityofferndale.org/DocumentCenter/View/1024/Rules-of-Procedure-and-Ethics-Handbook-PDF?bidId=>

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

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RECOMMENDATION: N/A.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Code of Ethics_updated.docx](#)

[Principles of Conduct for Yakima City Council Members_updated.docx](#)