



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

Item No. 9.F.  
For Meeting of: April 21, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:** Ordinance amending Yakima Municipal Code Title 5 Licenses and Business Regulations, Title 6 Public Safety and Morals, Title 8 Streets and Sidewalks, and Title 11 Buildings as it relates to regulatory licenses

**SUBMITTED BY:** Bill Preston, Community Development Director  
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**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

Staff identified several regulatory licenses that are not necessary and thus the licensing requirement should be removed. This information was presented to Council on February 10, 2026 and March 17, 2026. Staff also corrected certain licensing to indicate the fee for that license is listed in the Master Fee Schedule. The attached ordinance reflects the changes listed below as well as some housekeeping amendments.

Changes

YMC 5.12, Amusement Devices - eliminates regulations and licensing requirements

YMC 5.54, Pawnbrokers - eliminates licensing requirements

YMC 5.64, Secondhand Dealers - eliminates licensing requirements

YMC 5.79, Transportation Network Company (TNC) - eliminates section on ride share companies (regulated by state)

YMC 5.80, Sidewalk Cafe - removes fee that was inadvertently left in the code; already in Master Fee Schedule

YMC 8.52.070, Curb Number Painting - eliminates regulations and licensing requirements

YMC 11.44.050, Side Sewer Installer - eliminates special licensing requirement

Additional discussion on licensing took place at the Council meeting on April 14, 2026, resulting in Council directing staff to hold off on implementing new fees for regulatory licenses processed that are currently not charged for, and for fee increases, until a more in-depth review is brought back to Council on the remaining regulatory license categories. This information will be brought back to Council at a later date.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** N/A

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25:** A Resilient Yakima

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pass Ordinance.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

ORDINANCE - Title 5, 6, 8 & 11 - Regulatory Licenses.docx  
Track Changes\_YMC 5.12 Amusement Devices - ELIMINATE.pdf  
Track Changes\_YMC 5.54 Pawnbrokers.pdf  
Track Changes\_YMC 5.64 Secondhand Dealers.pdf  
Track Changes\_YMC 5.79 TNCs - ELIMINATE.pdf  
Track Changes\_YMC 5.80.020 Sidewalk Cafe & Street Beaut.pdf  
Track Changes\_YMC 8.52.070 Curb Number Painting - ELIMINATE.pdf  
Track Changes\_YMC 11.44.050 Side Sewer Installer.pdf