



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

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

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance adding Section 6.08.210, Endangerment with a Controlled Substance, to the Yakima Municipal Code

SUBMITTED BY: *Sara Watkins, City Attorney
Cynthia Martinez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

At their March 17 Council passed a motion directing staff to bring back an ordinance that makes it a crime to endanger a child by knowingly or recklessly exposing a child to a controlled substance by causing the child to ingest, inhale, come in contact with, or inhale the smoke of a controlled substance. Violation of the ordinance would be a gross misdemeanor, which could result in a penalty of up to 364 days in jail and/or up to a \$5,000.00 fine. The ordinance excepts from violation any controlled substances provided pursuant to a valid medical prescription.

ITEM BUDGETED: No

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Safe and Healthy Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Pass Ordinance

ATTACHMENTS:

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