



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

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

**ITEM TITLE:** Ordinance amending the Yakima Municipal Code Section 5.50.060  
Water Business tax, adding a 4% utility tax

**SUBMITTED BY:** Craig Warner, Budget & Finance Director

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

This ordinance implements a March 17th council-directed increase to water businesses' tax rates to establish a funding source to maintain operation of Fire Station 92 until such time as other funding may be identified. The City of Yakima's adopted 2026 budget required closure of Fire Station 92. In January 2026, City Council authorized one-time funding from reserves to continue Station operations through August 2026. The proposed utility tax of 24% on water, sewer, refuse, and stormwater is estimated to provide \$1,800,000 of additional revenue, sufficient to operate Fire Station 92.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** No

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pass Ordinance.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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