



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

Item No. 7.H.
For Meeting of: April 15, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Resolution authorizing an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for reimbursement for community wildfire reduction and education efforts (Fire Capital)

SUBMITTED BY: Aaron Markham, Fire Chief

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has agreed to provide reimbursement for costs (up to \$10,000) expended on landscaping that reduces wildfire risk, conserves water and is low maintenance as well as teaches community members how to do the same. The landscaping will be done at two Yakima Fire Stations: Station 93 and Station 95. The stations will serve as a "display" of types of landscaping, designed by Heritage Gardens, and will have education signs for the community. The education signs will describe the types of landscaping as well as ideas on how and where to place the different varieties that will provide the most benefit. Along with the landscaping displays, DNR has agreed to provide four (4) fire danger rating signs, aka Smokey Bear signs, to be placed at locations inside the City of Yakima at no cost.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Resilient Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution_DNR reimbursement.docx](#)

[Interagency Agreement.pdf](#)