



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

Item No. 9.B.  
For Meeting of: March 3, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:** Financial Analysis of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy  
**SUBMITTED BY:** \*Craig Warner, Director of Finance and Budget  
\*Aaron Markham, Fire Chief

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

At their February 3rd meeting, Council motioned for staff to provide further financial analysis of a potential EMS Levy. Staff will provide the presentation for Council consideration and requests direction regarding a proposed City of Yakima Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy to support fire and EMS operations, including the potential placement of a levy measure on an upcoming election ballot.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** No

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff seeks City Council direction regarding:

1. Whether to proceed with placing a City EMS levy measure on a future ballot;
2. The preferred levy term (6-year or 10-year); and
3. The preferred operational funding model (Option A or Option B).

Further direction will allow staff to prepare the necessary ballot ordinance and coordinate with the Yakima County Elections Office in accordance with the election calendar.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[EMS levy presentation-Financial Review 03032026.pdf](#)