



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

Item No. 9.B.
For Meeting of: December 2, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance imposing a one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) local sales and use tax to fund criminal justice purposes

SUBMITTED BY: Craig Warner, Director of Finance and Budget

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

This ordinance would authorize the City to impose a new 0.1% sales and use tax to support a wide range of criminal justice programs. State law (ESHB 2015) allows the City Council to adopt this tax by councilmanic action through June 2028. The tax is fully stackable with other local sales taxes, and all revenue generated remains with the City.

Funds from this tax may be used for a broad set of criminal justice purposes, including domestic violence services, public defense, diversion programs, inmate reentry support, homelessness reduction, behavioral health services, community placements for juvenile offenders, and community outreach or crisis response programs.

To implement the tax, the City must meet all eligibility requirements for the CJTC grant program established under the bill, although applying for the grant itself is not required. The City may submit its documentation before the CJTC completes its grant application process and website.

ITEM BUDGETED:

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25:

RECOMMENDATION: Pass Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

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