

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL YAKIMA, WASHINGTON AGENDA STATEMENT

Item No. 9.C.

For Meeting of: October 15, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance amending Section 9.50.220: Long-term parking permits

SUBMITTED BY: Sara Watkins, City Attorney

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

In April of 2024, the City Council amended the long-term parking permit section of the Yakima Municipal Code, Section 9.50.220, including an amendment of the percentage of spots which could be reserved for long-term parking permits in the City-owned parking lots. Prior to the April change, the percentage of spots in each lot that could be used for permit parking was 60% of each lot. Parking permits were lot-specific, ensuring that a portion of each lot was available for customers of businesses downtown.

In April, the Council amended the code section to reduce the permit parking allowed in the lots to 40% of all of the available parking lot spaces in City-owned lots. The ordinance was also changed to allow permit holders to park in any City-owned lot with their permit rather than limiting a permit holder to parking in a specific lot.

At the direction of the City Council on October 1, 2024, staff presents an amendment to the parking regulations which increases the percentage of permits that can be issued to a number equal to 50% of all available parking spaces in City-owned lots, up from the current 40% limit.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Thriving Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Pass Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

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