



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

Item No. 10.A.  
For Meeting of: January 6, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:** Ordinance amending Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 8.72,  
Excavations in Public Rights-of-Way

**SUBMITTED BY:** Bill Preston, Community Development Director

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

The attached ordinance addresses actions for permittees to take when underground facilities are damaged during excavation work. While applicants are required by code to take precautions to avoid damaging or destroying existing facilities, instruction is needed for instances where damage or destruction occurs. The modifications include notification procedures, responsibility to repair in a timely manner and reimbursement of city expenses to repair.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** N/A

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25:** A Safe and Healthy Yakima

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pass Ordinance.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Ordinance\\_clean](#)

[YMC 8.72.050\\_Redline.pdf](#)