



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

Item No. 9.A.
For Meeting of: March 17, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Discussion regarding a Municipal Fire District, House Bill 2224, Senate Bill 6037 and Fire Department Overtime

SUBMITTED BY: Aaron Markham, Yakima Fire Chief

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

At Council's March 3rd meeting, they requested additional information regarding fire districts, pending legislation and overtime for 2026.

Staff will provide an update on HB 2224 and Senate Bill 6037. At the time of the agenda submission both Bills were with their respective committees.

Staff will discuss RCW 52.02.160, which outlines the method of formation for Fire Protection Districts with boundaries that are the same as the corporate boundaries of the City or Town for the provision of fire protection services. It also defines the minimum actions required for the formation of a Fire Protection District (e.g.: financial plans, public hearings and governance).

Monthly overtime spent in January was \$53,138 out of General Fund and \$1,899 out of EMS. Monthly overtime spent in February was \$62,083 out of General Fund and \$9,962 out of EMS.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Safe and Healthy Yakima

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

[RCW 52.02.160.pdf](#)

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