

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL YAKIMA, WASHINGTON AGENDA STATEMENT

Item No. 9.C.

For Meeting of: December 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Resolution amending the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule

regarding stormwater rates, charges and fees

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works

* Mike Price, Wastewater/Stormwater Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution amending the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule regarding stormwater rates, charges and fees. Over the past several months, the FCS Group has performed a detailed evaluation of the City's Stormwater operation, maintenance, and capital funding needs for FY 2025 – 2029.

The Stormwater Utility Rate Study presented to City Council on July 23, 2024, described the methodology behind the evaluation and recommended the proposed rates to support the recovery of the actual costs of providing services, including those identified in the proposed 2025-2026 budget. The study evaluated the stormwater utility's on-going operating and maintenance costs, planned capital expenditures, debt service, and maintaining an adequate reserve balance for unexpected emergency expenditures.

The attached resolution includes the study's recommended annual increases of 7% to the annual stormwater fee for 2025-2029, plus an additional 5% in the first year, 2025, for recovery of the Stormwater Utility Tax increase from 15% to 20% approved by Council on November 26, 2024.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Resilient Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

RESOLUTION amend master fee schedule stormwater rates