



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

Item No. 9.D.  
For Meeting of: April 21, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:**

Resolution authorizing the establishment of a Law Enforcement Memorial Garden at the Yakima Police Department to honor fallen officer Sergeant Joseph Deccio and other members of law enforcement who have died in the line of duty

**SUBMITTED BY:**

\*Erica McNamara, Staff Liaison, Yakima Arts Commission  
\*Sgt. Mark Grow, Yakima Police Department

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

The attached Resolution authorizes the use of City-owned property at the police department for the installment of public art, in the form of a memorial garden, as recommended by the Arts Commission. The proposed donation agreement (attached) is within the City Manager's authority and will be executed on Council's approval for the use of City-owned property.

**Background**

The proposed project is the creation of a Law Enforcement Memorial Garden at the Yakima Police Department, a collaborative effort between the City of Yakima and the Yakima Police Patrolman's Association (YPPA) to honor Sergeant Joseph Deccio and all officers who have died in the line of duty. The garden will be constructed on City-owned property at the police department and fully funded through private donations raised by YPPA, with an estimated cost of approximately \$40,000, resulting in no financial impact to the City. The intended goals of the project are to provide a permanent, respectful space for remembrance, reflection, and community recognition; to honor the service and sacrifice of fallen officers; and to create a meaningful location for families, colleagues, and the public to gather in tribute, while also fostering partnership between the City and community organizations in preserving law enforcement legacy and supporting public safety values. The Yakima Arts Commission has reviewed the proposal and supports the use of public land for the establishment of the memorial garden, further reinforcing the project's alignment with community values and public space enhancement.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** N/A

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25:** An Engaged Yakima

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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[YPD Memorial Garden Agreement.docx](#)