



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

Item No. 7.S.  
For Meeting of: December 10, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Ordinance amending Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 12  
Development Standards relating to construction of public  
improvements

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

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

Amendments to Chapter 12.01 and 12.20 of the Yakima Municipal Code are being proposed per the attached ordinance. These chapters of the code concern private entities constructing public improvements through subdivisions, planned developments, or other new development or redevelopment in which public improvements are required. The changes to these chapters clarify that all fees are found in the Master Fee Schedule, reinforce the timing of when fees shall be paid, and provide more specific language pertaining to deferred public improvements.

This ordinance also authorizes the establishment of a \$500 nonrefundable application fee. An application fee for a permit to construct public improvements does not currently exist; instead, a \$250 deposit is collected at the time of application submittal that is later deducted from the final fees (plan review and inspection fees) that are calculated and charged prior to permit issuance. This new application fee will ensure compensation of at least a small portion of the staff time that is required in processing these applications regardless of whether or not the applicant follows through with paying the final fees and obtaining the permit.

If Council votes to pass this ordinance, a resolution will be brought to a future meeting to amend the Master Fee Schedule to be effective on the date that the ordinance becomes effective.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** N/A

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25:** A Resilient Yakima

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pass Ordinance.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Ordinance\\_Changes to YMC Title 12.docx](#)  
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