RESOLUTION NO. R-2018- _____

A RESOLUTION authorizing amendment to an existing a lease with Transform Yakima Together for the purpose of establishing a temporary homeless encampment on city owned property.

WHEREAS, the City owns a large piece of property east of the wastewater treatment plant and off South 22nd Street, of which approximately two acres was made available to Transform Yakima Together on October 17, 2017 under Resolution 2017-129 for a temporary homeless encampment pursuant to a lease agreement entered into between the City and Transform Yakima Together outlining the terms and conditions of the use of the property; and

WHEREAS, Transform Yakima is a religious organization as defined in RCW 35.21.915 that intends to operate and manage a temporary homeless encampment on the leased premises pursuant to the lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, Transform Yakima Together is preparing to re-establish the encampment on City owned land for the 2018 season and has requested several modifications to the lease agreement with regards to the use of the leased property; and

WHEREAS the modifications to the lease requested by Transform Yakima Together include a diversity of residents such a families with children and longer term/winter use; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2018, the City Council evaluated the requests and determined that, with the restrictions outlined in the approved lease, children under the age of eighteen could be allowed at the camp; and

WHEREAS, Transform Yakima Together also requested that the term of the lease be amended to allow for temporary periods other than those that are outlined in the current Lease; and

WHEREAS, YVCOG intends to allocate funding to fully fund the extension of water and sewer facilities to the temporary emergency encampment and within the encampment boundaries to provide for a cleaner, safer, more sanitary living environment for those utilizing the encampment; and

WHEREAS, the need for a low barrier homeless shelter is one of the highest priorities of the Yakima County 5-Year Plan to End Homelessness" and the City of Yakima experiences a higher incidence of homeless than other communities in the Yakima Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to approve the amendments to the lease providing for specific temporary periods and with regards to the maintenance and upkeep of water and sewer services and improvements contemplated by YVCOG, the City and Transform Yakima Together; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

The Yakima City Council authorizes the City Manager to sign the second amendment to the Lease with Transform Yakima Together for operation of a temporary homeless camp on city owned property.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 5th day of June, 2018.

ATTEST: Kathy Coffey, Mayor

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk