

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE** relating to utility taxes, amending Chapter 7.64.040 YMC to update the utility tax for the Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Utility.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yakima (City) is authorized by Title 35 RCW to acquire, construct, own operate, and provide financing for storm drainage and surface water management, and to establish rates, fees, and charges therefore; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to revise the utility tax in order to cover actual costs for storm drainage and surface water management services provided by the City of Yakima; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds that it is in the best interest of the residents and the City to raise the Stormwater utility tax from six percent to fifteen percent and amend the Yakima Municipal Code to reflect the increase effective January 11, 2019; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF YAKIMA:**

**Section 1.** Section 7.64.040 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**7.64.040 Stormwater tax.**

For the provision of stormwater compliance and stormwater collection services there is levied a tax against the total assessments collected from annual stormwater assessment charges. Commencing January ~~11, 2012~~**2019**, and effective annually thereafter, the rate of the tax shall be ~~six~~**fifteen** percent. (Ord. 2011-59 § 4, 2011).

**Section 2.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and by the City Charter.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**, signed and approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Kathy Coffey, Mayor

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

Publication Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date:\_\_\_\_\_