

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing acceptance of a grant of \$100,000 from the Washington State Department of Commerce for the purpose of preparing a Housing Action Plan (HAP) compliant with HB 1923

**WHEREAS**, The City of Yakima established a 2019 Strategic Priority to evaluate policies that would help support the development of new housing stock, especially affordable housing for low to moderate income persons and families; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council held a Study Session on March 12, 2019 and a follow up session on May 7, 2019 to review approximately 24 strategies to encourage, streamline or promote affordable housing construction in the City and directed staff to begin implementation of new or revised regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Yakima Planning Commission held 12 study sessions to consider measures that would encourage affordable housing including amendments to the City zoning ordinance (YMC 15), subdivision ordinance (YMC 14) and SEPA ordinance (YMC 6.88), a public hearing on October 26, 2019, and implemented the optional sales tax provisions for affordable housing described in HB 1406 and authorized by the State Legislature on July 28, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City submitted a grant application to the Washington State Department of Commerce for \$100,000 to prepare a Housing Action Plan to explore appropriate actions to encourage construction of additional affordable housing units, as well as market rate housing units in a variety of housing types and diversity of locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yakima has been offered the \$100,000 grant to prepare a Housing Action Plan by Department of commerce. In order to complete the requirements of this grant, the City of Yakima intends to subcontract with a professional planning firm, now, therefore,

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) in State funds to prepare a Housing Action Plan that will identify strategies, programs and locations for the construction of new housing and especially affordable housing for low to moderate income persons within the City of Yakima. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Kathy Coffey, Mayor

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City Clerk