

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-

A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission providing for compensation to the City to support Yakima Police Department high visibility enforcement traffic safety patrols.

WHEREAS, the City considers public safety to be an essential obligation and one of its highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that issues such as DUI, distracted driving, and non-use of seat belts contribute significantly to fatalities and injuries on public roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) has funds available to reimburse law enforcement agencies for additional costs associated with providing specific traffic safety emphasis patrols to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Police Department has personnel qualified to conduct emphasis patrols in conjunction with the WTSC; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission will reimburse the City for overtime officers incur (up to \$82,729) while conducting these emphasis patrols; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to promote enhanced traffic safety within the City by entering into the attached and incorporated Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission: Now, Therefore,

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached and incorporated Interagency Agreement Between Yakima Police Department & Washington Traffic Safety Commission to provide funds to conduct specific traffic safety emphasis patrols within the City.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 20th day of October, 2020.

ATTEST:

Patricia Byers, Mayor

City Clerk