

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-_____

A RESOLUTION authorizing annual renewal of the City Manager's authority to resolve and settle any claims against or by the City of Yakima in an amount of \$50,000 or less, and to execute all documents necessary for such claims

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 9 of the City of Yakima Charter and Yakima Municipal Code 1.18.010 provide that the City Manager has general supervision over the administrative affairs of the municipality, and is to perform such other duties as the Council may determine by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, Yakima Municipal Code 1.18.010(6) and (7) provide that the City Manager is to administer all finance and fiscal matters of the City and countersign warrants and approve claim vouchers, and perform such other duties as may be required of the City Manager by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.18.060 provides that the City Manager is to perform such duties as are determined and directed by the City Council by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable and appropriate to delegate to the City Manager the power and authority to resolve claims against or by the City for the total settlement amount of \$50,000 or less; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to ratify and authorize the City Manager's authority to execute all necessary documents relating to resolution or settlement of claims against or by the City for the total amount of \$50,000 or less; and

WHEREAS, at a City Council meeting before the end of 2021, the City Council will again consider whether this settlement authorization of the City Manager will be continued in the total amount of \$50,000 or less; now, therefore,

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

The City Council authorizes and ratifies the continued authority of the City Manager to resolve and settle any claims against or by the City for the total amount of \$50,000 or less, and to execute all necessary documents, including settlement agreements relating to such claims, and to authorize and approve the issuance of warrants pursuant to the resolution of such claims. The City Council further directs that a similar resolution be presented at a City Council meeting before the end of 2021, so the Council can consider whether this settlement authorization of the City Manager will be continued for the total amount of \$50,000 or less.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 1st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

Patricia Byers, Mayor

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk