

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-**

**AN ORDINANCE** amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 7.64.040 Stormwater Tax

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yakima 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**, in 2019 the City Council authorized the formation of the Clean City Program which provides additional services through the City of Yakima; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the 2022 budget process, the City Council determined it was appropriate to increase the budget of the Clean City Program to increase additional services associated with the Program in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the stormwater tax should be increased from fifteen percent to twenty percent, which will provide additional funding for the Clean City Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds and determines that adoption of this ordinance amending the stormwater tax rate section of the Yakima Municipal Code, Section 7.64.040, is in the public interest and best interest of the City and its residents; 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 assessments charges. Commencing January 14, 2019 2022, and effective annually thereafter, the rate of the tax shall be ~~fifteen percent~~ twenty percent.

**Section 2.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021.

ATTEST:

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Patricia Byers, Mayor

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

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

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