

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-_____

RESOLUTION approving Yakima County's placement of a proposed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy on the ballot before December 31, 2022, for a county-wide vote pursuant to RCW 84.52.169.

WHEREAS, Yakima County has imposed an EMS levy for the past 32 years at the rate of \$0.25 per one-thousand dollars of the assessed value of property; and

WHEREAS, the current EMS levy expires on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima utilizes funds from this levy in order to provide emergency medical services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for quality emergency medical services, and the elimination of this resource would reduce the ability of the City to continue to deliver the current level of quality emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, under RCW 84.52.069(4), Yakima County may not place this levy on the ballot without the approval of the legislative authority of a majority of at least 75 percent of all cities exceeding 50,000 in population within the County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima is located within Yakima County and has a population in excess of 50,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City of Yakima to approve Yakima County's placement of the EMS levy on the ballot; now, therefore,

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

The City of Yakima approves the placement of a proposed Emergency Medical Services levy on a county-wide ballot, at the current rate of \$0.25 per one-thousand dollars of the assessed value of property for a term of six-years, before December 31, 2022.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 7th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

Janice Deccio, Mayor

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk