

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION** declaring that the City of Yakima is interested in forming a creative district within the City of Yakima, directing staff to move forward with any necessary activities to evaluate formation of such a district, and bringing a report back to City Council with findings from staff and the City of Yakima Arts Commission.

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Arts Commission, or ArtsWA, has a program where municipalities can form a creative district and receive resources, grants, technical assistance, and recognition from the ArtsWA group of the district; and

**WHEREAS**, creative districts work to grow the creative sector of a municipality and helps turn cultural and creative activities into economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, creative districts can benefit communities in many ways, including, but not limited to, promoting a community's creative identity, job growth, increased tourism, and live/work artist spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 5, 2022 during a City Council held a Study Session and received information in a presentation by the City Arts Commission regarding the potential formation of a Creative District; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution shows the City's intent to evaluate, research and plan for a potential creative district within the City and directs staff to bring back its findings so that the City Council can determine if it should apply for a Creative District Certification from Arts WA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Yakima and its residents to move forward to study whether to apply for Creative District Certification, now, therefore

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

1. It is the intent of the City to research, study, and evaluate how a creative district would work within the City with the hope that the City can apply for Creative District Certification; and
2. The City of Yakima Arts Commission and City staff are directed to conduct all necessary research and studies, and provide a written report and evaluation to the City Council when complete, which should include creating a community planning team and a rough draft plan for a creative district for Council's review.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 1st day of August, 2022.

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Janice Deccio, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk