

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-

A RESOLUTION authorizing an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Yakima Area Arboretum.

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima (City) owns property which is used as an arboretum currently maintained and operated by the Yakima Area Arboretum non-profit organization, and desires that the Jewett Interpretive Center and surrounding arboretum property continue to be managed, operated, and maintained as a public park and arboretum to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Area Arboretum non-profit organization has the capacity, skills and desire to operate and maintain the arboretum property; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the Yakima Area Arboretum has provided excellent management and operation of the arboretum property during the term of the previous Operations and Maintenance Agreement, which terminated in May of 2021 and has been extended so that the parties could negotiate a new and updated Operations and Maintenance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to both parties to enter into a new Operations and Maintenance Agreement to continue the longstanding partnership between the parties in providing the arboretum property and programming to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to approve the Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Yakima Area Arboretum for the operation and maintenance of the City's arboretum property; now, therefore,

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Yakima Area Arboretum Agreement Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Yakima Area Arboretum to provide for the operation and maintenance of the City's arboretum property and associated buildings.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 6th day of June, 2023.

Janice Deccio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosalinda Ibarra, City Clerk