

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-

A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with Washington Traffic Safety Commission to provide pass-through funding from the US Department of Transportation to fund an impaired driving emphasis officer and equipped patrol vehicle.

WHEREAS, the City considers public safety to be an essential obligation and one of its highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that issues such as impaired driving contribute significantly to fatalities and injuries on public roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Police Department has seen a steady increase in the number of impaired drivers for the last three years, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) has funds available to reimburse law enforcement agencies for dedicated impaired/distracted driving issues; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Police Department has personnel qualified to detect and take enforcement actions in conjunction with the WTSC; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission will reimburse the City for a dedicated officer's wages and an equipped patrol vehicle (up to \$239,422); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to promote enhanced traffic safety within the City by entering into the attached and incorporated Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached and incorporated Interagency Agreement Between Yakima Police Department and Washington Traffic Safety Commission to provide funds to conduct specific traffic safety emphasis patrols within the City.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 17th day of October, 2023.

Janice Deccio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosalinda Ibarra, City Clerk