

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-**

**AN ORDINANCE** amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 7.50.040 relating to utility service fees.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yakima is engaged in various municipal functions, and the City provides various public services, several of which entail fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has created a Master Fee Schedule where fees are maintained and published instead of in all of the various ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to complete the process of removing these fees from the Municipal Code into the Master Fee Schedule, now, therefore;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF YAKIMA:**

**Section 1.** Section 7.50.040 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Fees and charges shall apply when the listed actions are taken/provided by the utility services division and/or water/irrigation division. The fees are set forth in the Master Fee Schedule and shall be considered the base for calculations of future fee increases. Once every two years beginning in March 2008 (or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible based upon availability of the indices set forth herein), an adjustment shall be added to the base figures that is either eighty percent of the December change in the United States Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the Seattle, Tacoma, Bremerton region or eighty percent of the December Implicit Price Deflator for Personal Consumer Expenditures, whichever is lower and rounded to the nearest whole dollar, to reflect the changes in inflation for these two indices over the previous two calendar years. (For purposes of determining the change in the CPI, the standard reference base period of 1984 equals one hundred will be used.) The following fees and charges shall be included and updated, as appropriate, in the Master Fee Schedule:

- a. Account reinstatement fee
- b. Start temporary water service (less than twenty-four hours in duration)
- c. Immediate service—customer request
- d. Irrigation shut-off fee
- e. Turn-on and shut-off customer request for nonbusiness hours
- f. Meter obstruction charge (after notice)
- g. Check read charge, after first accurate check read within one billing cycle
- h. Lien processing fee
- i. Returned NSF check fee
- j. Field visit for delinquency
- k. (For future use)

I. Illegal turn-on, tampering of utility service or illegal connection as defined in YMC [7.50.100](#)

\* "Business hours" for purposes of this section correspond to the work shift of water service specialists established by the city water/irrigation division from time to time. Current work shift hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., excluding holidays. These hours are subject to change, and the utility services division will update and provide notice of business hours to customers by any means deemed appropriate, including posting of such information on its Internet website.

**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 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Patricia Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rosalinda Ibarra, City Clerk

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

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