

## AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Department: Information Tech. Services

Requested Agenda Date: JAN 28 2025

Presenting: Dale Panattoni

Document Title:

Ordinance 1-2025 (Authorizing Proposition to Impose a 0.2% Sales/Use Tax for Costs Associated with Emerg Comm. Systems/Facilities)

Action Requested: *Check Applicable Box*

PASS RESOLUTION     EXECUTE or AMEND AGREEMENT CONTRACT or GRANT  
 ISSUE PROCLAMATION     PASS ORDINANCE     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Background Information:

Adoption of Ordinance 1-2025 would authorize Proposition 1, a ballot measure for consideration at a special election on April 22, 2025 which, if passed by the voters, would impose a 0.2% sales and use tax for seven years commencing in 2026 and continuing through 2032 for costs associated with emergency communication systems and facilities.

Summary & Recommendation:

Recommend adoption of Ordinance 1-2025.

Motion:

Move to adopt Ordinance 1-2025.

Department Head/ Elected Official



Signature

AGREEMENT Attached Is Approved as to Form  
Corporate Counsel Initial



Late Agenda Requests Require BOCC Chairman Signature:

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2025

**AN ORDINANCE** of the Board of County Commissioners of Yakima County, Washington, relating to sales and use taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the County, at a special election to be held on April 22, 2025, of a proposition authorizing the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of two-tenths of one percent for emergency communication systems and facilities pursuant to Chapter 82.14. RCW; and setting forth the text of the ballot proposition.

**WHEREAS**, counties need additional funding sources for necessary emergency communication systems and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 82.14.420 authorizes counties to submit a proposition to the voters of the county to impose a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent to be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of new county-wide emergency communication systems and facilities that will replace the current existing emergency communications systems; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 82.14.420 requires that prior to submitting the tax authorization to the voters in a county that provides emergency communication services to a governmental agency pursuant to a contract, the parties to the contract must review and negotiate or affirm the terms of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Yakima County, the cities of Yakima, Sunnyside, Moxee, Toppenish, Union Gap, Grandview, Mabton, Selah, Naches, Granger, Wapato, Zillah, Tieton and Harrah, and the Grandview Fire District, Granger Fire District, Mabton Fire District, Sunnyside Fire District, Toppenish Fire District, Wapato Fire District, Yakima Fire District, Zillah Fire District, and Yakima County Fire Protection Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 contract with Yakima Consortium for Regional Public Safety (YAKCORPS) for emergency communication services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yakima Consortium for Regional Public Safety (YAKCORPS), and all the parties have affirmed the terms of Interlocal Agreement Yakima Consortium for Regional Public Safety as Amended May 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, YAKCORPS originally voted to request the Yakima County Board of County Commissioners to place a measure on the February 2025 ballot to fix and impose an emergency communications sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent; and

**WHEREAS**, additional time was needed to adequately inform the residents of Yakima County about how future emergency communications facilities and systems will be impacted depending on whether the ballot measure passes or fails; and

**WHEREAS**, YAKCORPS thereupon requested the Yakima County Board of County Commissioners to instead place the measure on the April 2025 ballot to fix and impose an emergency communications sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Yakima County finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Yakima County, and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare that a proposition imposing a two-tenths of one percent sales and use tax for emergency communication systems and facilities be submitted to the voters of Yakima County at the special election on April 22, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF YAKIMA COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Calling of Election.** The Board of County Commissioners find that it is in the best interests of the County to submit to the qualified voters of the County, at a special election to be held on April 22, 2025, a proposition authorizing the County to impose an additional two-tenths of one percent sales and use tax of the selling price in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used, in case of a use tax, to be expended solely for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.

**Section 2. Ballot Proposition.** The Auditor of Yakima County, Washington (the "Auditor"); as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call and conduct a special election in the County, in the manner provided by law, to be held on April 22, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the County, a proposition in substantially the following form:

**PROPOSITION NO.1**  
**YAKIMA COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES**

The Board of County Commissioners of Yakima County adopted Ordinance No. 1-2025 concerning a proposition to help fund both Yakima County and participating municipalities and fire districts emergency communication systems and facilities. This ballot proposition, if approved, will authorize the imposition and collection within Yakima County of a sales and use tax equal to two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for a seven (7) year period, commencing in January 2026, and continuing through December 2032, to provide funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of new county-wide emergency communication systems and facilities replacing current existing emergency communications systems;

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective as of the last date shown below.

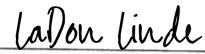
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Yakima County Auditor, YAKCORPS, each municipality and each fire district and fire protection district in Yakima County set forth above.

**DONE:** JAN 28 2025

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Kyle Curtis, Chair



LaDon Linde, Commissioner



Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
for Yakima County, Washington*

*Attest:*



Julie Lawrence, Clerk of the Board

