



City of Yakima

News Release

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Downtown Parking Community Meeting is Thursday, March 21st

The City of Yakima will host a Downtown Parking Community Meeting next Thursday, March 21st, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall, 129 N. 2nd Street.

The meeting will include a presentation by City staff regarding history and preliminary recommendations regarding four City-owned parking lots in Downtown Yakima. This is the same presentation that was made to the Yakima City Council during its [March 12th study session](#).

Following the presentation:

- City staff will be available to talk with community members Thursday in small group break-out sessions at City Hall about policy issues, maintenance and upgrades and enforcement of parking regulations in the four City-owned parking lots in Downtown Yakima.
- Input and feedback received during the community meeting will be incorporated into final recommendations regarding parking in the four City-owned downtown Yakima parking lots. Those final recommendations will be presented to City Council at its March 26th study session.
- The Council is tentatively scheduled to act on final recommendations regarding parking in the four City-owned lots in Downtown Yakima at its April 2nd regular meeting, although the schedule could be adjusted based on Council direction

The City staff presentation will air live at 5:30 pm Thursday on Y-PAC, Charter Spectrum Channel 194, and streamed live at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/live-stream/>

A moratorium on enforcing parking violations in the downtown area of the City of Yakima has been in place since December 2023. Yakima City Council [extended the moratorium](#) during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6th. It applies to time limitations on streets and City-owned parking lots in the Central Business District.

On January 23rd, Council held a [study session on downtown parking](#) and received public comment.