

Subject: Moratorium Extended Through April 19<sup>th</sup> Contact: Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler – 509-901-1142 Release Date: Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## City Council Extends Moratorium on Downtown Parking Enforcement

A moratorium on enforcing parking violations in the downtown area of the City of Yakima is extended through April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Yakima City Council <u>extended the moratorium</u> during its regular meeting last night, Tuesday. The moratorium applies to time limitations on streets and City-owned parking lots in the Central Business District.

Council originally approved a 60-day moratorium on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Parking enforcement would have resumed February 12<sup>th</sup> absent any additional action by Council.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Council held a study session and received public comment regarding downtown parking. The resolution approved last night extending the moratorium noted, "...the City Council wishes to fully evaluate the issues associated with parking downtown, and take into account the comments made at the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 study session..."

As with the original moratorium, parking infractions related to public safety will be enforced. These include:

- Parking in a fire lane
- Parking in front of a fire hydrant
- · Parking in a manner that creates a public safety hazard
- Unlawfully parking in a Disabled designated spot

More about the moratorium is available via a "Point of Interest" atop the City website, <u>Parking enforcement</u> moratorium | Points of Interest (yakimawa.gov)

