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Statement on immigration status in the City of Yakima February 2017

The City of Yakima is a full-service city providing a range of municipal services to its residents and businesses, including:

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| Airport management | Animal Control | Business licensing |
| Building inspections | City utilities | Code enforcement |
| Communications | Economic development | Engineering |
| Emergency response/911 | Fire inspections, suppression and education | Land use and planning |
| Investigations | Irrigation | Police patrol |
| Neighborhood development | Parks | Refuse |
| Public records management | Recreation | Traffic safety |
| Snow & ice control | Street improvements | Water quality |
| Transit | Wastewater and stormwater | |

Provision of such services requires as wide a range of information from program users as there are services; for example, if you are pulled over by a Yakima police officer for a potential traffic violation, you will be asked for a driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. To open a water/sewer account, you will need to demonstrate you are authorized to do so for the property which will require establishing your identity. If you are calling 911 for assistance, you will be asked for your name, the address, and specifics about the event you are reporting.

In recent months, the issue of immigration, including the role of local law enforcement, has received significant national attention. To clarify, the City of Yakima, including the Yakima Police Department (YPD), operates under long-established practices with regard to immigration, which is a federal matter.

First and foremost, when accessing City of Yakima municipal services, in no instance will a community member be asked about or required to provide documentation of immigration status. This includes the Yakima Police Department which does not have legal authority to enforce federal laws, including those pertaining to immigration. YPD officers do not inquire about immigration status when interacting with the public nor do officers inquire about immigration status on behalf of any federal agency. As noted above, if stopped while driving, the driver must be able to provide a driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. If arrested by the police, immigration status is not something YPD checks.

YPD does work in partnership with many local, state and federal agencies, which can include assisting federal agents on active criminal investigations. However, YPD does not take enforcement action regarding immigration.

The City of Yakima and YPD value the relationship with the community and are committed to continually improving that relationship. If there are any questions on the provision of city services, please contact the City Manager's Office at (509) 575-6040; for questions specific to YPD please contact the department at (509) 575-6200.