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Minutes

NOTICE**MEETING MINUTES OF SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL****Monday, November 17, 2025**

The minutes for the Monday, November 17, 2025, Spokane City Council Meeting were not available for publication in this issue of the *Official Gazette*. The minutes will be published in the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, issue of the *Official Gazette*.

NOTICE**MEETING MINUTES OF SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL****Monday, November 24, 2025**

The minutes for the Monday, November 24, 2025, Spokane City Council Meeting were not available for publication in this issue of the *Official Gazette*. The minutes will be published in the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, issue of the *Official Gazette*.

General Notices

NARCOTICS NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE

Recipient:

Ivan A. Machado-Rascon13725 32nd Ave NE #C342,

Seattle WA 98125

SPD Report #: 2025-20206605

Date of Seizure: 10/6/2025

Seizure Number: 25-027

This is to notify you **that pursuant to RCW 69.50.505, the property listed below has been seized by the Spokane Police Department (SPD)** because they believe that it was used to facilitate the sale of controlled substances or it is proceeds acquired in whole or in part from a sale or series of sales of controlled substances in violation of RCW 69.50, RCW 69.41 or RCW 69.52 and **are subject to seizure and forfeiture and NO PROPERTY RIGHT EXISTS IN THEM.**

It is the intent of SPD to seek forfeiture of the seized property. Pursuant to RCW 69.50.505, property that is used to facilitate the sale of controlled substances, or is acquired in whole or in part with proceeds traceable to a sale or series of sales of controlled substances, or furnished or intended to be furnished in exchange for a controlled substance can be seized and kept by a law enforcement agency. If you would like to make a claim because this property belongs to you and/or you are an interested party, you **MUST, within forty-five days of the service of this notice**, notify the Spokane Police Department in writing of your claim of ownership or right to possession to the item(s) seized. Send your written claim (certified mail preferred) to:

**Forfeiture Claim,
SPD Civil Enforcement Unit,
1100 West Mallon,
Spokane, WA 99260.**

In your letter, please identify the property you are claiming and whether you wish to request a copy of the police report documenting the seizure of the property. You will then receive notice of a hearing date.

Your failure to notify the Spokane Police Department in writing of a claim of ownership or right to possession of the items specified below within forty-five days of the service of this notice constitutes a default forfeiture and a loss of your right to an adjudicative hearing regarding this matter. RCW 69.50.505(4); RCW 34.05.440.

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY HAS BEEN SEIZED:

Item #	Description
3	\$16,630.00

**CITY OF SPOKANE
NOTICE OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL RATE INCREASE
(ORD C36813)**

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to RCW 35.21.157 that the City of Spokane plans to increase the rates for its solid waste collection and disposal services by 0.5% on January 1, 2026. The rate increase shall apply to Residential Service Rates (SMC 13.02.0502), Commercial Service Rates – Dumpsters (SMC 13.02.0504), Commercial Service Rates – Rolloffs (SMC 13.02.0506), Commercial Container Service, Placement (SMC 13.02.0508), Commercial Service Rates – Compactors (SMC 13.02.0510), Return Trip Charges (SMC 13.0512), Additional Charges for Commercial Containers (13.02.0514), Container Cleaning, Pressure Wash, Refurbishment Charge (SMC 13.02.0518), Temporary Account (SMC 13.02.0520), Rates for Equipment and Labor – Packer and Nonpacker (SMC 13.02.0528), Recycling Rates – Nonresidential – Residential Premises with Multi-unit Dwellings Premises – Additional (SMC 13.02.0552), Clean Green Yard Waste Collection (SMC 13.02.0554), General Mixed Solid Waste – Tonnage Fee (SMC 13.02.0560), Self Haul Transaction Fee (SMC 13.02.0561), Compost (SMC 13.02.0562), Waste Tires (SMC 13.02.0563), and Estimates Allowed (SMC 13.02.0568).

The new rates will take effect January 1, 2026. Questions: Please call My Spokane at 3-1-1 (inside city limits) or 509-755-2489 (outside city limits).

Pulish: November 26 and December 3, 2025

Ordinances

These ordinances are published in this issue of the *Official Gazette* pursuant to passage by the Spokane City Council. It should be noted that these ordinances may be subject to veto by the Mayor. If an ordinance is vetoed by the Mayor, the Mayoral veto will be published in a subsequent issue of the *Official Gazette*.

ORDINANCE NO. C36752

An ordinance concerning adoption of public rules by the City of Spokane and creating new Chapters 3.14, 10.21, 12.14, 15.07, and 18.12 of the Spokane Municipal Code, amending sections of Titles 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16A of the Spokane Municipal Code, and adding new sections 03.07.350 and 08.15.150 to the Spokane Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25 of the Spokane City Charter, the City Council has the authority to create administrative departments of the City and to define the “rights, powers, and duties of the departments” by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the various City departments, and their compliance with various budgeting, financial, procurement, and other requirements set forth in federal, state, and local laws and regulations, depends on the ability of each department to promulgate internal policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the various City departments, and their compliance with various budgeting, financial, procurement, and other requirements set forth in federal, state, and local laws and regulations, also depends on the ability of each department to promulgate rules of general applicability that apply to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Washington’s Public Records Act (RCW 42.56.040) requires that municipalities publish “[s]ubstantive rules of general applicability adopted as authorized by law, and statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability,” and further provides that such policies may not be enforced against the general public unless properly published; and

WHEREAS, the Public Records Act (RCW 42.56.070) further provides each municipality maintain an index for public viewing “statements of policy and interpretations of policy, statute, and the Constitution which have been adopted by the agency,” as well as “[a]dministrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public;” and

WHEREAS, the process for adopting rules by the City of Spokane is currently set forth in that administrative policy and procedure numbered “Admin 0325-18-1” and titled “Standardized Formats And Uniform Procedures For Adoption And Maintenance of Administrative Policies And Procedures, Departmental Policies and Procedures, Executive Orders, And Public Rules And Regulations” (hereafter “Standardization Policy”); and

WHEREAS, under the Standardization Policy the term “Public Rules and Regulations” is defined as:

" 'Public Rules and Regulations' as required by the Spokane Municipal Code, are any department order, directive or regulation of general applicability, and (1) the violation of which subjects a person to a penalty; or (2) which subject a person to a payment of a fee; or (3) which establish, alter, or revoke any procedure, practice or requirement relating to departmental hearings; or (4) which establish, alter, or revoke any qualifications or standards for the issuance, suspension or revocation of licenses to pursue any commercial activity, trade or profession as may be otherwise defined by the Spokane Municipal Code,"

(hereafter the “Public Rule Definition”); and

WHEREAS, the Public Rule Definition by its terms is not confined to internal operations of the City, but is applicable to the general public, and includes penal measures that can result in the imposition of a fee or fine, or result in the loss of certain vocational or commercial rights, or otherwise affect the public ability to challenge certain determinations by city officials with respect to certain individuals; and

WHEREAS, only a few City entities, including the Spokane Park Board the Civil Service Commission, are explicitly authorized by the City Charter to promulgate rules; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Municipal Code does not consistently regulate the promulgation of public rules across City departments and divisions; and

WHEREAS, neither the Standardization Policy, nor the Spokane Municipal Code or the City Charter, require City Council review or approval of public rules; and

WHEREAS, the definition of a public rule set forth in the Standardization Policy omits procedures and practices relating to the confiscation, storage and disposal of personal property belonging to members of the general public; and

WHEREAS, public rules are the functional equivalent of legislation, and because the legislative function of the City is vested exclusively in the City Council and not in the Mayor or the administrative departments of the City, any administrative action meeting the “public rule” definition, whether or not denominated as such, should be adopted only after the requisite public comment process and City Council involvement; and

WHEREAS, public rules should be promulgated only by City departments, divisions or offices expressly authorized by ordinance to promulgate them; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the foregoing, it is the intent of the City Council to establish a uniform and transparent process for adoption of public rules by City departments and to ensure compliance with the Public Records Act with respect to rules that affect the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Spokane does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That section 01.05.020 is amended to read as follows:

Section 01.05.020 Administrative Responsibilities

- A. Except as provided in this section, this chapter does not alter the responsibilities vested by this code in the several officers and employees for administration and enforcement of its various provisions. Promulgation of any rules or regulations relating to enforcement of this code shall comply with Chapter 03.14 of this code.
- B. For purposes of issuing a notice of infraction, the code enforcement officer is:
1. the mayor or the division director, department director or assistant director, described in chapter 3.01A SMC, vested with administrative and enforcement jurisdiction in the particular matter; or
 2. an employee or agent to whom enforcement jurisdiction has been specifically conferred, who carries a special police commission conferring authority to issue a notice of infraction for the kind of violation in question; or
 3. a regularly commissioned law enforcement officer; or
 4. a city prosecutor.

Section 2. That there is adopted a new Section 03.07.350 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Section 03.07.350 Personnel Regulations - Authority to Promulgate Rules

With the approval of the Mayor, City divisions, departments and offices may promulgate administrative policies and procedures consistent with this chapter. Administrative policies and procedures promulgated pursuant to this chapter 03.07 shall not be deemed public rules under Chapter 3.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 3. That there is adopted a new Chapter 3.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 3.14 Public Rule Authority

Section 3.14.010	Department Authority to Promulgate Public Rules
Section 3.14.020	Definitions
Section 3.14.030	Process for Adopting Public Rules; Effect of Council Approval
Section 3.14.040	Access to Public Rules
Section 3.14.050	Exemptions
Section 3.14.060	Emergency Public Rule
Section 3.14.070	Effective Date; Construction with Other Law
Section 3.14.080	Effect on Existing Public Rules

Section 3.14.010 Department Authority to Promulgate Public Rules

- A. No division, department or office of the City of Spokane may adopt, modify, repeal or enforce a public rule except as authorized by this Chapter.
- B. Every Public Rule shall be denominated as such and adopted pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter.

Section 3.14.020 Definitions

- A. "Administrative Policies and Procedures" are used by City departments to inform other departments and staff of policies and procedures for the direction and management of Citywide operations and which are not enforceable against members of the general public.
- B. "Contested Case" means any proceeding before a department in which the legal rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties are required by ordinance to be determined after a hearing by the Hearing Examiner or the City Council.
- C. "Department" means the City of Spokane or any of its divisions, departments, or offices including, but not limited to, any City board, commission, committee, officer, or department, including the City Council and its committees, when acting in accordance with or pursuant to authorization by ordinance or Charter to make rules, hear appeals, or adjudicate contested cases.
- D. "Departmental Policies and Procedures" are informative directives for internal departmental management and operation of City departments. They affect primarily or exclusively single departments, divisions, or offices.
- E. "Executive Orders" formalize specific decisions of the Mayor and/or city administrator and, except in cases of civil emergencies, are not enforceable against members of the general public.
- F. "Hearing" means a proceeding before the City Council to consider the adoption, modification, or repeal of any Public Rule.
- G. "License" includes those City -issued permits, certificates, approvals, registrations, or forms of permission required before a Person may engage in any activity within the City of Spokane.
- H. "Person " means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or public or private organization of any character.
- I. "Public Rule" means any department order, directive, policy or regulation, however denominated and including amendment or repeal of an existing rule, which applies to the general public and which, if violated, subjects a person to a penalty or administrative sanction, including, but not limited to, an order, directive, or regulation which affects:
 - 1. Procedures, practices or requirements relating to department hearings;
 - 2. Qualifications, standards, or fees imposed for the issuance, suspension, or revocation of licenses or permits;
 - 3. Any rule intended to implement any tax, fee or charge;
 - 4. Mandatory standards which must be met before the distribution or sale of products or materials;
 - 5. Any qualification, requirement, or process relating to the enjoyment of benefits or privileges conferred by law and administered by a Department; or
 - 6. Any program affecting the seizure, storage or disposition of personal property not otherwise owned or leased by the City.
- J. "Regulation" means any statement of general applicability and intending to have the force of law.
- K. The term "Public Rule" does not include the following:
 - 1. Administrative Policies and Procedures, Departmental Policies and Procedures, or Executive Orders;
 - 2. Rules, regulations or administrative determinations promulgated under Title 17 of the Spokane Municipal Code unless intended to have general applicability;

3. Any policy or rule relating to the hiring, firing, or promotion or access to benefits, of any City employee, including any rights conferred by a collective bargaining agreement;
4. Rules relating to the use of public ways and property when the substance of such rules is indicated to the public by means of signs or signals; and
5. Any rule or regulation issued by the Hearing Examiner in a Contested Case.

Section 3.14.030 Process for Adopting Public Rules; Effect of Council Approval

- A. At least fourteen (14) days prior to the adoption, amendment or repeal of any Public Rule, a department shall comply with the following procedures:
 1. Publish notice of the proposed Public Rule in the Gazette. Notice under this subsection shall include a copy of the proposed Public Rule and (a) a reference to the applicable ordinance or statute under which such Public Rule will be applied; (b) an accurate description of the substance of the proposed Public Rule or of the subjects and issues involved; (c) a statement of the time and place of anticipated City Council committee and legislative review of the proposed public rule; (d) the manner in which persons may present testimony to the City Council with respect to the proposed Public Rule; and (e) its proposed effective date.
 2. Deliver by electronic means a copy of the proposed Public Rule and the required notice under subsection (A)(1) to the address specified by any person who has made a written or electronic request therefor, which request shall be sent to the City Clerk.
 3. The proposed Public Rule, the published notice of the Public Rule, and all supporting material shall be filed with the appropriate standing committee of the City Council. The proposing department shall arrange for submission of the proposed Public Rule to the council committee agenda and the council legislative agenda according to council rules of procedures. Upon placement of the proposed Public Rule on the City Council agenda, the City Council may either approve the proposed Public Rule, or reject the proposed Public Rule and return it to the proposing Department for further modifications. Any City Council action to approve the proposed Public Rule shall be by written resolution.
- B. Upon approval by resolution by the City Council and filing of the final rule with the City Clerk as provided in this section, a Public Rule shall be deemed final and enforceable against the general public upon stated effective date.
- C. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent the City Council from independently approving or nullifying any Public Rule at any time after its effective date. Approval or nullification of an existing Public Rule shall be by written resolution.

Section 3.14.040 Access to Public Rules

It is the intent of the City to provide maximum public access to all Public Rules currently in place or hereafter adopted by the City. The City Clerk, in conjunction with other relevant City departments, shall maintain a system for public review, searching, printing, downloading and/or copying of any Public Rule adopted by the City.

Section 3.14.050 Exemptions

This Chapter shall not apply to the following:

1. Any rule or regulation adopted by the Spokane Park Board with respect to the use of park land or park property or the enforcement thereof;
2. Any rule or regulation adopted by the Spokane Library Board of Trustees with respect to the operation and management of library facilities, property, programs and all aspects of governed under Chapter 42.17 RCW
3. Any rule or regulation adopted by the Civil Service Commission or enforcement thereof;
4. Any rule or regulation adopted by the Spokane Municipal Court, or enforcement thereof;
5. Executive Orders issued pursuant to Chapter 02.04 of the Spokane Municipal Code (Civil Emergencies);
6. Rules and procedures adopted pursuant to Section 04.32 of the Spokane Municipal Code (Ombuds);
7. Rules adopted by the City Attorney or the Mayor with respect to the operations of city prosecutors or public defenders;
8. Any rules or regulations adopted pursuant to Chapter 12.03 of the Spokane Municipal Code (Airport Regulations);
9. Temporary rate changes implemented pursuant to Section 13.01.0303 of the Spokane Municipal Code so long as any Public Rule is adopted pursuant to this Chapter within ninety (90) days of enforcement;
10. Any rule or regulation intending to ensure compliance with the Shoreline Master Plan adopted pursuant to RCW 90.58 and related regulations;
11. Rules relating to civil forfeitures pursuant to RCW 9A.88.150;
12. Rules of procedure and case management orders promulgated by the Hearing Examiner; and
13. Any rule adopted to ensure compliance with state or federal law and in which the adoption of a Public Rule pursuant to this chapter would conflict with said state or federal law.

Section 3.14.060 Emergency Public Rule

Where a department finds that immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a Public Rule is necessary for the urgent

preservation of public peace, health, or safety, or for the immediate support of City government and its existing public institutions, such Public Rule may become effective upon filing of such adoption, amendment, or repeal of the Public Rule with the City Clerk. This filing shall be accompanied by a statement of the facts upon which the findings of an emergency and necessity are based. The adoption, amendment, or repeal of a Public Rule under this section shall be presented to the City Council for emergency interim ratification and placed on the City Council calendar within twenty-one (21) days after filing with the City Clerk. Following the emergency review and interim ratification by the City Council, the proposed Public Rule(s) shall be enforceable pending review through the standard process as outlined in 03.14.030. This emergency section does not relieve any department from compliance with any federal or state law requiring that the adoption, amendment, or repeal be approved by designated persons or bodies before they become effective, nor shall any action be taken under this section which affects any pending case or controversy. Emergency Public Rules which are rejected or remanded by the City Council shall be deemed null and void.

Section 3.14.070 Effective Date; Construction with Other Law

Once approved as provided in this Chapter, any Public Rule shall be binding on all persons and deemed a law of general applicability. No Public Rule may conflict with any provision of federal or state law, with the City Charter or with the Spokane Municipal Code. Whenever possible, the Public Rule shall be construed and applied consistent with applicable law.

Section 3.14.080 Effect on Existing Public Rules

Any Public Rule adopted or modified prior to the effective date of this ordinance, whether or not denominated as such, shall be subject to the adoption process set forth in this Chapter; provided, that any such Public Rule clearly denominated as such and approved by council resolution less than one year prior to the effective date of this ordinance may remain in effect for three (3) years after its stated effective date unless specifically repealed or modified in accordance with this Chapter. Departments may continue to enforce such Public Rules for more than three (3) years after the effective date of this ordinance without City Council review, so long as public notice and City Council review has been initiated as provided in Section 3.14.030 and is pending during such enforcement period. Any existing Public Rule not reviewed by the City Council as provided in this section shall be null and void, except as to any pending case or controversy under such Public Rule.

Section 4. That section 04.01.080 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 04.01.080 Rules

Each ~~((agency is to))~~ board or commission may promulgate rules for the conduct of its business which shall promote the policies and objectives of this chapter; provided, any Public Rule shall be adopted only as set forth in in Chapter 3.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 5. That section 04.02.020 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 04.02.020 Rules and Regulations – General

- A. ~~((The mayor promulgates))~~ The City may promulgate rules and regulations for the collection and reporting of all moneys due the City with attendant emphasis on identifying moneys to which the City is entitled, prompt invoicing and reporting among affected departments, and prosecuting delinquencies. The rules and regulations may specify when and how collection is to be affected, negotiation of payments, collection of interest on payments not to exceed the maximum allowed by state law, such other costs as may be incurred by the City due to delinquency, and settlement of claims not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars in total value before negotiated settlement.
- B. ~~((This chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated by the mayor hereunder are to be given the widest dissemination among City departments and employees.))~~ Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 6. That Article I, Section 04.02.040 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 04.02.040 Industrial Insurance Claims

Claims for industrial injuries shall be reported and investigated in accordance with administrative rules and regulations promulgated by the mayor. Administrative rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this section shall not be subject to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code, unless they apply to persons other than City officers or employees.

Section 7. That Article II, Section 04.02.070 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 04.02.070 Rules and Regulations

The ~~((director))~~ City has authority to promulgate rules and regulations, develop administrative procedures and do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes of SMC 4.02.060 through SMC 4.02.220. ~~((Rules and regulations promulgated by the director are on file in the City utilities billings office and available for public inspection during regular business hours.))~~ Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 8. That section 07.06.030 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 07.06.030 Guidelines

The Director of Purchasing and Contracts is authorized to establish procedures to serve as guidelines for the implementation of this chapter. Adoption of such procedures need not comply with Chapter 3.14 of this code unless the procedures result in the adoption of a public rule.

Section 9. That section 08.01.250 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 08.01.250. Rules and Rulings

A. ~~((The chief financial officer))~~ The City may, from time to time, adopt, publish and enforce rules and regulations not inconsistent with this chapter or with superior law. The purpose of such rules and regulations is to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and it shall be unlawful to fail to comply with any such rule or regulation. Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

B. The City, through the ((The)) chief financial officer, may ~~((also))~~ issue letter rulings from time to time which are applicable only to specific businesses. Such administrative rulings shall be binding on the City and the taxpayer.

Section 10. That Article I, section 08.02.011 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 08.02.011 – ~~((Administrative))~~ Public Rules and Regulations

A. ~~((The mayor))~~ The City is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with this title and respecting the provision of various services by the administrative staff, including the charges and fees for such services, to the extent such services and fees are not specifically provided for in this ~~((code))~~ title. The authority of this section includes specifically but is not limited to the furnishing of maps and other public records and delinquent penalties and interest rates on accounts receivable.

B. ~~((The mayor causes such regulations and schedules of charges to be filed with the city clerk and in appropriate departments in accordance with the City's public records system.))~~ Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

C. Consistent with Public Rules promulgated under this title, ((The)) the mayor or ((his)) the mayor's designated representative is authorized to waive any fee authorized under this chapter for any person which can demonstrate the following criteria have been met:

1. The person requesting the waiver of fees demonstrates that he is requesting the fee waiver on his own behalf or in a representative capacity for an applicant who meets the criteria set forth in subsection (C)(2) of this section; and
2. The person requesting the waiver of fees demonstrates that he has an annual income that meets the United States department of housing and urban development (HUD) guidelines for eighty percent of median family income level, as established annually for the Spokane metropolitan area.

~~((The mayor is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this program.))~~

Section 11. That Section 08.03.120 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 08.03.120 ~~((Rules and Regulations))~~ Rulemaking

The City ~~((Chief Financial Officer or designee))~~ may adopt and promulgate rules to implement and enforce this chapter, which rules shall not be in conflict with this chapter; provided, however, that any Public Rule enacted in accordance with this section shall ~~((not become effective until the close of a two week public comment period. A copy of such proposed and final rules shall be placed on file for public examination in the City Chief Financial Officer's office and on the City's website))~~ be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 12. That Section 08.04.130 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 08.04.130 ~~((Rules and Regulations))~~ Rulemaking

The ~~((chief financial officer))~~ City is authorized to make and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 13. That Section 08.10.160 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 08.10.160 ~~((Finance, Treasury and Administration Director to Make Rules))~~ – Rulemaking

~~((The division director of finance, treasury and administration has the power from time to time to adopt and publish in the Official Gazette of the City of Spokane rules and regulations not inconsistent with this chapter or applicable law for the purpose of carrying out the provisions hereof. Such rules become effective twenty days after the date of publication in~~

~~the Official Gazette and it shall be thereafter unlawful to violate or fail to comply with any such rule.))~~ The City is authorized to make and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 14. That section 08.15.110 of Chapter 08.15 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 08.15.110 Cancellation of Tax Exemption – Appeal

- A. If at any time the director determines that the property no longer complies with the terms of the contract or with the requirements of this chapter, or for any reason no longer qualifies for the tax exemption, the tax exemption shall be canceled and additional taxes, interest and penalty imposed pursuant to RCW 84.14.110 or other applicable provisions of state law.
- B. In the case of multi-family housing units rented as affordable housing, qualifying units as defined in the final certificate of exemption or in SMC 8.15.090(A)(2)(b) must be available to be rented to qualified low and moderate-income tenants at all times during the entire exemption period. While household's income may rise above the low and moderate-income level during the exemption period, the property owner must demonstrate that subsequent or different tenants of those affordable units do meet the income level requirements for the remainder of the exemption period.
- C. If after the issuance of a final certificate of tax exemption multi-family housing units rented as affordable housing fail to satisfy the requirements for the affordable housing tax exemption and the number of units fall below the percentage requirements, the exemption period shall expire, unless the affordable housing units are within the Spokane Targeted Investment Area. Properties or units failing to satisfy the affordable requirement of SMC 8.15.090 (A)(2)(b) within the Spokane Targeted Investment Area shall be converted and limited to eight years from the date of the issuance of the final certificate of tax exemption and a new final certificate of tax exemption will need to be recorded by the Spokane county assessor.
- D. If the property owner sells the affordable multi-family housing units, the new property owner shall file with the City a report indicating that the unit was purchased at a value affordable to low and moderate-income in order to continue to comply with the affordability requirement of SMC 8.15.090(A)(1)(b) and RCW 84.14.020(1)(ii)(B). If the unit was not sold at a level affordable to low and moderate-income household, a request to cancel the exemption needs to be filed with the City within 60 days. If the unit is within the Spokane Targeted Investment Area, a request to convert the remaining term of exemption to an 8-year exemption is allowable, if the ~~((remain))~~ remaining term is less than eight years, unless the remaining term would exceed eight years.
- E. If the owner intends to convert the multi-family housing to another use, or if applicable, if the owner intends to discontinue compliance with the affordable housing requirements as described in SMC 8.15.090 or any other condition to exemption, the owner must notify the director and the Spokane county assessor within sixty days of the change in use or intended discontinuance.
 - 1. Upon such change in use or discontinuance, the tax exemption shall be canceled and additional taxes, interest and penalty imposed pursuant to state law.
- F. Upon determining that a tax exemption shall be canceled, the director, on behalf of the city council, shall notify the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested.
 - 1. The property owner may appeal the determination by filing a notice of appeal with the city clerk within thirty days, specifying the factual and legal basis for the appeal.
 - 2. The hearing examiner will conduct a hearing pursuant to chapter 17G.050 SMC at which all affected parties may be heard and all competent evidence received.
 - 3. The hearing examiner will affirm, modify or repeal the decision to cancel the exemption based on the evidence received. The hearing examiner shall give substantial weight to the director's decision and the burden of overcoming that weight shall be upon the appellant.
 - 4. An aggrieved party may appeal the hearing examiner's decision to the Spokane county superior court as provided in RCW 34.05.510 through RCW 34.05.598.
- G. If after the issuance of a final tax certificate an owner-occupied multi-family housing unit that initially qualified as a low or moderate-income unit is sold at market rate and no longer qualifies as an affordable housing unit, that unit may lose its tax exempt status and all prior exempt taxes and penalties and interest shall become a lien on the property per RCW 84.14.110 and the subsequent owner shall no longer qualify for the tax exemption. The remaining units' tax exemption status shall not be affected.

~~((H. The City may adopt administrative policies and procedures to implement the reporting requirement for this section which are not inconsistent the provisions of chapter 8.15 SMC and chapter 84.14 RCW.))~~

~~((I))~~ H. A determination by the director to discontinue an exemption period may be appealed pursuant to SMC 8.15.110.

Section 15. That there is adopted a new Section 08.15.150 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Section 08.15.150 Authority to Promulgate Rules

The City may adopt administrative policies and procedures to implement the requirements for this section which are not inconsistent the provisions of chapter 8.15 SMC and chapter 84.14 RCW; provided, any Public Rule shall be adopted as set forth in in Chapter 3.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 16. That there is adopted a new Chapter 10.21 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Title 10 Regulation of Activities

Section 10.21.010 – Rulemaking

Chapter 3.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code shall apply to all rules, regulations and administrative procedures of general applicability that are promulgated, modified, or enforced under this Title.

Section 17. That section 10.63.010 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 10.63.010 Purpose

- A. The purpose of this chapter is to centralize Property Maintenance and Use Standards into a single chapter, so residents have one location to review to find the various expectations that apply to private property maintenance and use.
- B. Under SMC 17F.070.010, every owner and occupant of premises is obligated to maintain the property in a reasonably safe condition and prevent the property from becoming a nuisance.
- C. The Code Enforcement Department staff shall utilize the latest edition of the International Code Council's International Property Maintenance Code for reference and guidance in applying private property maintenance standards.
- D. Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 18. That section 10.57.060 of Chapter 10.57 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 10.57.060 Consistency with Chapter 59.18 RCW, Authority to Promulgate Public Rules

- A. The provisions of this chapter shall be interpreted ((and)) and enforced in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of Chapter 59.18 RCW.
- B. Any public rule promulgated under this chapter shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 19. That section 10.63.090 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 10.63.090 Foreclosure Registration Program

- A. Purpose
It is the purpose and intent of this section to establish a Foreclosure Property Registration Program to protect the community from the deterioration, crime, and decline in value in Spokane's neighborhoods caused by properties in various stages of the foreclosure process, and to identify, regulate, limit, and reduce the number of those properties within the city of Spokane. It is the policy and intent of the City to establish a requirement that the lender or other responsible parties of properties that are in the foreclosure process to register those properties with the City as outlined in this section to protect the neighborhoods from the negative impacts of absentee ownership and lack of adequate maintenance and security for properties in the foreclosure process.
- B. Establishment of a Registry
The Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department shall establish and maintain a Foreclosure Property Registry Program.
- C. Registration of Foreclosure Properties.
 - 1. Any Lender that holds or services a mortgage on real property located in the city of Spokane shall inspect the property upon mortgage default.
 - 2. The code compliance officer can also initiate the registration process.
 - 3. Any Lender or other Responsible Party of a Foreclosure Property as defined in this section shall register that property with the City of Spokane Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department within ten (10) days of the property becoming a Foreclosure Property within the meaning of this section and initial inspection or of receiving notice from the City of the requirements of this section, and every 12 months thereafter until the property is no longer a Foreclosure Property within the meaning of this section. A separate registration is required for each property.

4. The content of the registration shall include:
 - a. Proof of ownership, or financial interest, such as a lien or loan,
 - b. The name, address, phone number, and email address for the Owner, Lender, and Responsible Party, and twenty-four hour contact phone number of the Local Agent of the respective entity; and
 - c. Documentation which demonstrates the property is foreclosed, pending foreclosure, or subject to foreclosure, trustee's sale, tax assessor's lien sale or other legal proceedings.
 5. The Lender, Owner, or Responsible Party shall notify the Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department within ten (10) days of the date of any change in the information contained in the registration.
 6. Mortgagees who have existing Foreclosure Properties on the effective date of this ordinance have 30 calendar days from the effective date to register the property with City of Spokane Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department. A separate registration is required for each property.
 7. All property registrations are valid for one year from the date of entry of registration as recorded by Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department. Subsequent registrations are due every twelve (12) months thereafter for renewal and must certify required registration data is current and correct.
- D. Minimum Property Maintenance Requirements.
- While a Foreclosure Property is registered, the Lender or Responsible Party shall be required to:
1. maintain and keep Foreclosure Property free of conditions, including but not limited to:
 - a. weeds, dry brush, dead vegetation, trash, junk, debris, building materials and junk vehicles;
 - b. accumulation of newspapers, circulars, flyers, notices (except those required by federal, state, or local law), and discarded personal items including, but not limited to, furniture, clothing, or large and small appliances; and
 - c. graffiti, tagging, or similar markings by removal or painting over with an exterior grade paint that matches and/or coordinates with the color of the exterior of the structure.
 2. securing ponds, pools, and hot tubs, and ensuring that they do not become a public nuisance or danger to the public; and
 3. securing the property to prevent access by unauthorized persons, including, but not limited to, the following: the closure and locking of windows, doors (walk-through, sliding, and garage), gates, and any other opening of such size that it may allow a child or any other person to access the interior of the property and or structure(s). Securing also includes boarding as applicable. The preferred material for boarding shall be painted with an exterior grade paint that matches and/or coordinates with the color of the exterior of the structure or is of a material that mimics glazed windows and intact doors.
 4. Post the property with no trespassing signs and current emergency contact information for the local agent.
 5. take any other action necessary to prevent giving the appearance that the property is abandoned, and
 6. monitor the Foreclosure Property monthly or more frequently as necessary to prevent the creation of a nuisance.
- E. Monitoring of Foreclosure Property.
1. Upon registration, the City will provide regular monitoring of Foreclosure Properties, including but not limited to periodic site visitation, which will not exceed the City's rights of access, as well as notification to Lender or Responsible Party if the property begins to exhibit characteristics established in RCW 35.80.010. The City's monitoring of Foreclosure Properties does not relieve the Lender or other Responsible Party from monitoring and maintaining the property as required by this section.
 2. At least monthly while a Foreclosure Property is registered, the Lender or Responsible Party shall inspect the Foreclosure Property.
- F. Waiver for City to Abatement – Trespass of Unauthorized Individuals.
1. As part of the Foreclosure Property registration, the Owner, Lender, Local Agent, Responsible Party, or other person having the legal authority to do so shall waive any objection to the City to enter onto the property for purposes of abating any condition that would constitute an unfit or substandard building as established in RCW 35.80.010 or nuisance condition under SMC Title 10 to issue a trespass order against any unauthorized individual from the Foreclosure Property.
 2. The City shall notify the Owner, Lender, Responsible Party, or Local Agent ten (10) days before the City takes abatement action in order to allow the Owner, Lender, Responsible Party, or Local Agent to abate the condition first unless such abatement constitutes an emergency, in which case, the City may abate the emergency immediately.
 3. The cost of the abatement of any of the illustrative conditions contained above shall be charged against the Foreclosure Property pursuant to SMC 08.02.067 and shall be lienable pursuant to SMC 17F.070.500 and other applicable sections of the municipal code pursuant to state law.
- G. Local Agent.
- The Lender or Responsible Party shall provide the City with the name, address, telephone number, email address, and 24-hour contact information of a Local Agent who has the authority to act to respond to complaints regarding the Foreclosure Property and to remedy any nuisance, substandard, or unfit conditions found on the property.
- H. Annual Foreclosure Property Registration Fee.
- The Lender or Responsible Party shall pay the annual non-refundable Foreclosure Property registration fee as set forth in SMC 08.02.0675.

- I. Policies and Procedures
The Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department shall develop procedures to implement this section that are consistent with and do not conflict with this section, the Spokane Municipal Code, or Washington law. Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.
- J. Violation
 - 1. Any person, firm, or entity who fails to a Foreclosure Property pursuant to the requirements of this section shall be subject to a civil infraction. Each day in which a Foreclosure Property, which is subject to this section, is not registered shall constitute a separate violation.
 - 2. Failure to maintain a Foreclosure Property as required by this section is a criminal misdemeanor violation under SMC Title 10 for maintaining a nuisance property in addition to applicable penalties for nuisance conditions in the municipal code or state law.
 - 3. Failure to provide notification of changes in ownership of a Foreclosure Property under this section is a civil infraction.
- K. Removal of properties from the registry
 - 1. A property may only be removed from the Foreclosure Property registry upon the Lender's, Owner's, or Responsible Party's written certification that (1) the mortgage or lien on the property has been satisfied or legally discharged, (2) the property is no longer in mortgage default, or (3) the Foreclosure Property has been sold to a non-related party in a bona-fide, arms' length transaction.
 - 2. A Lender's statement that it no longer desires to pursue foreclosure, has filed a dismissal of lis pendens and/or summary of final judgment and/or certificate of title or otherwise, such as deed in lieu of foreclosure shall not be the basis for removal of a Foreclosure Property from the registry under this section.
 - 3. For purposes of this section, a transfer to another entity that is under common ownership with the Lender, as determined in the sole discretion of the Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department, is not an arms' arm's-length transaction.
- L. Transfer of Ownership
 - 1. If the mortgage on a registered Foreclosure Property is transferred, the transferee shall be subject to the requirements of this section and shall, within five (5) days of the transfer of the mortgage, register the property as a new registration in accordance with this section. Any previously unpaid registration fees are the responsibility of the transferee and are due and payable upon the new registration.
 - 2. If the mortgagee sells a Foreclosure Property in an arms'-length transaction to a non-related person or entity, the transferee is subject to the terms of this section and shall register the property as a new registration under this section within five (5) days of the sale. Any previously unpaid registration fees shall be the responsibility of the new owner.

Section 20. That section 10.63.100 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 10.63.100 Penalty and Abatement Procedures

- A. It is the policy of the City of Spokane to educate and seek voluntary compliance for the code violations of this chapter before issuing civil infractions or escalating penalties.
- B. A property owner or occupant may request a Certificate of Correction from the Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department and may request dismissal of the infraction (SMC 01.05.140). Should that correction be accomplished after more than one offense has been issued, the Certificate of Correction will only apply to the most recent infraction.
- C. Code Enforcement and Parking Services Department may develop and implement policies, procedures, and programs to abate violations in accordance with existing local and state law: Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 21. That Article IV, Section 12.02.0735 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 12.02.0735 Regulations

- A. The director promulgates and interprets regulations to implement this article. Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.
- ~~((B. Regulations to enforce or implement this chapter are approved by the director and published in the Official Gazette. They shall have the force of law thirty days after publication.))~~

Section 22. That section 12.09.150 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 12.09.150 Authority of Administering Officer

- A. The administering officer interprets and enforces this chapter, resolves conflicts, and determines disputes arising under this chapter or permits or franchises issued in connection therewith. The administering officer has authority to

issue general regulatory orders affecting all service providers or other users(~~(, as well as)~~) consistent with the Public Rule requirements of Chapter 3.14 of this code. The administering officer has authority to issue specific orders in specific cases or circumstances as deemed necessary and consistent with Chapter 12.09 SMC. (~~General regulatory orders are published in the Official Gazette of the City of Spokane at least twenty days prior to taking effect unless otherwise ordered by the administering officer because of exigent circumstances. In such event, reasonable effort shall be made to notify affected parties. General or specific~~) Specific orders may be issued on application of an affected service provider or any other user.

- B. (~~(Orders)~~) Specific orders and decisions of the administering officer are guided by the purpose of this chapter. Prior to issuance of an order, the administering officer may give such advance notice and opportunity for hearing as deemed proper, or may provide for a hearing upon request to review an order or specific application of a party arising after issuance. The officer may establish a filing fee not to exceed fifty dollars for consideration of any petition for action or determination by a regulated party or other person.
- C. (~~(An)~~) A specific order may include provision for penalty of not more than five hundred dollars per violation. In case of a continuing violation, each day may be specified to be an additional and separate violation. No penalty for failure to comply with any administrative order may be assessed except after notice and opportunity for hearing for the affected party. Failure to pay a penalty is a violation of this chapter, and a breach of permit conditions and grounds for permit revocation by the administering officer after notice and opportunity for hearing for the permittee.

Section 23. That there is adopted a new Chapter 12.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Title 12 Public Ways and Property

Section 12.14.010 – Rulemaking

Chapter 3.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code shall apply to all rules, regulations and administrative procedures of general applicability that are promulgated, modified, or enforced under this Title.

Section 24. That section 13.01.010 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 13.01.010 General Application

- A. This chapter applies to all chapters of this title unless otherwise specifically indicated or required by the context.
- B. Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code shall apply to all rules, regulations and administrative procedures of general applicability that are promulgated, modified, or enforced under this Title unless exempted or expressly provided otherwise in this title.

Section 25. That section 13.01.0302 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 13.01.0302 Administrative Authority – Specific Utilities – Rates

- A. For items affecting a specific utility, the directors of the affected departments have authority to administer such provisions applicable to their respective utilities.
1. Additionally, the director of public works and utilities administers rates articles as a service provider for the respective water, sewer and solid waste departments.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision, the director may determine questions of applicability or interpretation of rates or regulations, (~~(to adopt or modify the same,)~~) to grant exemptions therefrom, or order specific action, forbearance, correct clerical errors or oversights, adopt temporary rates, assess specific charges, or impose other additional requirements, all where deemed reasonably necessary in the interest of the public health and safety (~~(and for administrative convenience and efficiency.)~~) and performed in a manner consistent with those Public Rule(s) adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.
1. The director may also impose additional charges or fees on matters not fully addressed herein, including assessments for the value of City equipment or property destroyed or damaged by or through customer or other third party fault consistent with those Public Rule(s) adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.
- C. The director of public works and utilities also functions as the utility billings or water billings examiner unless otherwise directed by the director of public works and utilities.
1. (~~(His)~~) The director's decision relating to utility charges is subject to review by the director of the affected utility or that director's designee.
 2. The reviewer shall be a person who did not participate in the determination being reviewed.
- D. A director's action is subject to review by the director of public works and utilities.

Section 26. That section 13.01.080 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 13.01.080 Regulations

- A. The city engineer may promulgate any regulations necessary to implement any portion of the utilities code. He shares this power with other officials where designated.
- ~~((B. Such regulations, if approved by the city council and published once in the Official Gazette, thereafter have the force of law.))~~ Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.
- ~~((C. Amendments or repeals are accomplished in the same way.))~~

Section 27. That section 15.04.080 of Chapter 15.04 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 15.04 Smoking in Public Places

Section 15.04.080 Regulations Authorized

The Spokane fire department may adopt regulations as required to implement this chapter. Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 28. That there is adopted a new Chapter 15.07 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Title 15 Environmental Stewardship

Section 15.07.010 – Rulemaking

Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code shall apply to all rules, regulations and administrative procedures of general applicability that are promulgated, modified, or enforced under this Title.

Section 29. That section 16A.84.090 of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 16A.84.090 Play Streets and Block Parties

- A. The Director of Transportation and Sustainability, in coordination with any impacted divisions and departments, may establish a play streets and neighborhood block party program to create opportunities for neighbors to temporarily close non-arterial streets to provide car-free safe spaces for neighborhood and community-centered activities, including but not limited to block parties, community gatherings, and places for children to play.
- B. A special event permit is required for a play street or block party closure provided that permit and application fees shall be waived for any play street or block party that is free and open to the public, on a non-arterial street, no greater than one block, does not include an intersection, and does not require traffic control personnel.
- C. The City shall develop program policies and procedures consistent with this section. Any Public Rule shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 03.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Section 30. That there is adopted a new Chapter 18.12.010 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Title 18 Human Rights

Section 18.12.010 – Rulemaking

Chapter 3.14 of the Spokane Municipal Code shall apply to all rules, regulations and administrative procedures of general applicability that are promulgated, modified, or enforced under this Title.

Section 31. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance.

Section 32. Clerical Errors. Upon approval by the city attorney, the city clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including scrivener's errors or clerical mistakes; references to other local, state, or federal laws, rules, or regulations; or numbering or referencing of ordinances or their sections and subsections.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025
Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36794

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MID-BIENNIAL MODIFICATION BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, FOR THE YEAR 2026, AND SETTING FORTH IN SUMMARY FORM THE TOTALS OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH SEPARATE FUND, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, State Law, Chapter 35.34 RCW has provided that the legislative body of any city may, by ordinance, elect to have a two-year fiscal biennial budget in lieu of the annual budget which is otherwise provided for; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law, Chapter 35.34, the City of Spokane, as a first-class city, is authorized to adopt a two-year biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2024, the City Council adopted Ord. No. C-36531, establishing a two-year biennial budget for the City of Spokane for the first two-year budget period beginning January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.34.130 provides for a mid-biennial review and modification of the biennial budget, no sooner than eight months after the start of the first year of the fiscal biennium, nor later than the conclusion of the first year of the biennium; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor proposed the 2025-2026 Mid-Biennial Modification Budget, on November 3, 2025 to the Spokane City Council as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, as required by law, on October 27, 2025, November 3, 2025, November 10, 2025, November 17, 2025, and November 24, 2025, the City Council held public hearings and provided opportunity for public comment on the proposed 2025-2026 Mid-Biennial Modification Budget; and

WHEREAS, all appropriations in the final budget must be limited to the total estimated revenues therein including the amount to be raised by all municipal revenue sources and the unencumbered fund balances estimated to be available at the close of the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.34.200 the expenditures as classified and itemized by fund in the final budget adopted by the City Council shall constitute the City of Spokane's appropriations for the second year of the fiscal biennium commencing after midnight, December 31, 2025, subject to later adjustments as provided therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Spokane, Washington do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The mid-biennial modification budget for the City of Spokane, Washington, for the year 2026 is hereby adopted, by this reference, at the fund level in its final form and content as set forth below.

Section 2. Estimated revenues and expenditures, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Spokane, Washington, and the aggregate total for all such funds combined, for year 2026, are hereby appropriated for expenditure at the fund level set forth below.

Section 3. The City Chief Financial Officer is directed to transmit a copy of the budget, hereby adopted, to the Washington State Auditor's Office, and to the Association of Washington Cities.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect January 1, 2026.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance.

City of Spokane					
Summary Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance					
2025-2026 Mid-Biennium Modification Budget					
Fund Category	Fund	Estimated Beginning Balance	2026 Modified Revenue	2026 Modified Expense	Estimated Closing Balance
General Fund	0100 - General Fund	7,500,000	271,276,603	273,910,691	4,865,912
General Fund Total		7,500,000	271,276,603	273,910,691	4,865,912
Special Revenue Funds	1100 - Street Maintenance Fund	6,721,550	27,967,036	30,490,917	4,197,669
	1200 - Code Enforcement Fund	449,118	4,978,995	4,836,858	591,255
	1300 - Library Fund	4,543,842	12,799,932	15,021,572	2,322,202
	1330 - Miscellaneous Grants	-	-	-	-
	1340 - Historic Preservation Incentives Fund	3,996	10,000	10,000	3,996
	1350 - Pension Contributions Fund	230,236	4,770,431	4,770,431	230,236
	1360 - General Fund Grants	93,486	22,995	22,995	93,486
	1370 - Domestic Violence Prevention	8,169	500	500	8,169
	1375 - Cannabis Use Tax	148,079	607,865	695,000	60,944
	1380 - Spokane Safe Streets Fund	5,983,003	5,895,143	6,826,771	5,051,375
	1390 - Urban Forestry Fund	84,649	2,520,000	2,603,448	1,201
	1400 - Parks And Recreation Fund	3,798,138	30,196,196	31,454,148	2,540,187
	1410 - Parks Levy 2025 Fund		9,575,850	9,575,850	-
	1425 - American Rescue Plan	1,539,127			1,539,127
	1430 - Grants Operations	-		(9,611)	9,611
	1440 - Fire Grants - Miscellaneous	-	1,212,390	1,212,390	-
	1460 - Parking Services Fund	298,500	5,358,771	5,520,997	136,274
	1500 - Paths And Trails Reserve Fund	815,112	219,630	785,511	249,231
	1510 - Spokane United 911 Network	-	223,574	222,240	1,334
	1540 - Human Services Grants Fund	1,867,097	37,323,960	38,043,028	1,148,029
	1541 - Continuum Of Care	-	8,492,958	8,492,958	-
	1555 - Opioid Response Fund	1,779,588	746,897	1,904,122	622,363
	1560 - Forfeitures & Contribution Fund	1,255,101	590,000	826,085	1,019,016
	1590 - Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	1,996,451	5,500,000	5,282,834	2,213,617
	1595 - HEART Fund	4,632,575	7,792,014	10,292,014	2,132,575
	1610 - Real Estate Excise Tax Second Quarter Percent	2,281,499	4,602,985	5,695,104	1,189,380
	1615 - Real Estate Excise Tax First Quarter Percent	1,212,469	4,361,000	5,010,000	563,469
	1620 - Public Safety & Judicial Grant	-	1,607,430	1,118,190	489,240
	1625 - Public Safety Levy Fund	1,339,718	7,229,567	7,162,735	1,406,550
	1640 - Communications Bldg M&O Fund	3,007	342,372	342,502	2,877
	1650 - Community Development Fund	39,516	15,000	31,493	23,023
	1680 - Housing & Homeless Services Fund	788,881		763,433	25,448
	1690 - Community Development Block Grants	-	8,575,300	8,575,300	-
	1695 - Community Development Block Grants Revolving Loan Fund	485,856	2,000,000	2,474,598	11,258
	1700 - Miscellaneous Community Development Grants	646,169	947,000	1,123,907	469,262
	1710 - Home Entitlement Program	-	5,474,023	5,474,023	-
	1715 - Home Revolving Loan Fund	454,671	395,000	395,000	454,671
	1720 - Housing Assistance Program	99,321	1,500	97,000	3,821
	1725 - Affordable & Supportive Housing	317,094	375,288	464,172	228,210
	1760 - Emergency Rental Assistance Grant	98,820			98,820
	1770 - Housing Trust Grant Fund	115,084	7,100	118,737	3,447
	1775 - Legal Services and Relocation Fund	149,682	156,000	156,000	149,682
	1780 - Rental Rehabilitation Fund	195,045	51,000	238,152	7,893
	1785 - Residential Rental Property Mitigation Fund	51,818	50,115	78,750	23,183

	1890 - Trial Court Improvement Fund	66,150	65,000	65,000	66,150
	1910 - Criminal Justice Assistance Fund	-	9,586,580	9,507,889	78,691
	1915 - Community Safety Fund	-	6,024,060	6,024,060	-
	1920 - Financial Partnership Fund	-			-
	1940 - Channel Five Equipment Reserve Fund	693,864	262,635	262,000	694,499
	1950 - Park Cumulative Reserve Fund	2,277,764	10,753,918	12,621,054	410,628
	1970 - Spokane Fire Department Fund	1,449,498	83,084,514	84,531,291	2,721
	1980 - Defined Contribution Administration Fund	101,460	82,650	76,406	107,704
	1985 - VOYA Defined Contribution Administration Fund	21,666	50,692	50,385	21,973
	1990 - Transportation Benefit Fund	1,585,819	3,250,000	4,139,669	696,150
Special Revenue Funds Total		50,722,686	316,155,866	335,477,910	31,400,643
Debt Service Funds	2100 - Go Bond Redemption Fund	7,167,862	16,969,953	16,586,953	7,550,862
	2300 - Special Assessment Debt Fund	139,394	125,000	107,833	156,561
	2350 - Special Assessment Guaranty Fund	574,640		8,000	566,640
	2500 - Iron Bridge TIF Debt Service	80,474	51,483	51,704	80,253
	2502 - University District LRF Debt Service	1,000,783	275,000	271,357	1,004,426
Debt Service Funds Total		8,963,152	17,421,436	17,025,847	9,358,741
Capital Funds	3160 - General Capital Improvements	35,316		-	35,316
	3200 - Street Capital Fund (Arterial St)	19,005,473	52,471,309	54,368,527	17,108,255
	3500 - Kendall Yards TIF	-	600,000	600,000	-
	3501 - West Quadrant TIF	206,359	739,100	774,100	171,359
	3502 - University District LRF	255,196	315,000	264,000	306,196
	3503 - Beacon Hill TIF	130,850	35,000	35,000	130,850
Capital Funds Total		19,633,195	54,160,409	56,041,627	17,751,977
Enterprise Funds	4100 - Water and Hydroelectric Services	3,770,905	61,966,319	76,287,847	(10,550,623)
	4210 - Water/Ww Debt Service Fund	-	13,549,778	13,549,778	-
	4250 - Integrated Capital Management	4,544,630	88,056,524	101,260,574	(8,659,420)
	4300 - Wastewater Management Fund	14,699,940	78,606,850	97,943,112	(4,636,322)
	4480 - Solid Waste Fund	518,509	111,385,436	109,853,882	2,050,063
	4600 - Golf Fund	3,062,375	7,619,401	8,328,945	2,352,831
	4700 - Development Services Fund	1,973,518	10,748,538	12,425,981	296,076
Enterprise Funds Total		28,569,878	371,932,846	419,650,120	(19,147,395)
Internal Service Funds	5100 - Fleet Services Fund	2,235,943	19,713,784	19,439,399	2,510,328
	5110 - Fleet Svcs Equip Repl Fund	4,519,674	1,663,000	2,029,835	4,152,840
	5200 - Public Works And Utilities	913,139	10,151,773	10,053,305	1,011,607
	5300 - IT Fund	1,633,333	15,936,691	16,090,776	1,479,248
	5310 - IT Capital Replacement Fund	4,084,624	66,000	1,754,872	2,395,752
	5400 - Reprographics Fund	266,085	-	-	266,085
	5500 - Purchasing & Contracts Fund	124,526	1,490,205	1,476,016	138,715
	5600 - Accounting Services	731,263	6,259,945	6,147,525	843,683
	5700 - Spokane 311	267,215	2,195,541	2,188,601	274,155
	5750 - Office Of Performance Mgmt	458,829	1,317,490	1,272,477	503,842
	5800 - Risk Management Fund	13,164,138	7,668,144	7,399,196	13,433,087
	5810 - Workers' Compensation Fund	9,903,152	7,699,921	7,937,078	9,665,995
	5820 - Unemployment Compensation Fund	1,375,478	530,829	532,829	1,373,478
	5830 - Employees Benefits Fund	8,337,839	55,078,326	55,422,332	7,993,833
	5900 - Facilities Operating Fund	2,275,080	5,570,676	6,046,684	1,799,072
	5901 - SIP Debt Fund	1,493,494	7,942,022	7,942,022	1,493,494
	5902 - Police Capital Fund	1,114,427	2,570,790	3,270,790	414,427
	5903 - Fire Capital Fund	408,335	3,201,125	3,201,125	408,335
	5904 - Facilities Capital	83,705	764,673	733,564	114,814
Internal Service Funds Total		53,390,279	149,820,935	152,938,426	50,272,788
Fiduciary Funds	6010 - Finch Memorial Arboretum Fund	109,013	75,000	75,000	109,013
	6100 - Retirement	338,118,820	39,952,660	46,497,395	331,574,085
	6200 - Firefighters' Pension Fund	30,840,640	3,477,061	5,528,084	28,789,617
	6230 - Building Code Records Mgmt	3,263	60,000	60,000	3,263
	6250 - Municipal Court	43,186	1,489,800	1,489,800	43,186
	6300 - Police Pension	1,421,960	3,199,620	3,717,098	904,482
	6730 - Parking & Business Improvement District	75,000		75,000	-
Fiduciary Funds Total		370,611,881	48,254,141	57,442,377	361,423,645
Grand Total		539,391,072	1,229,022,237	1,312,486,998	455,926,311

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025

Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36796

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. C36626, ENTITLED IN PART, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE", AND AMENDING IT TO UTILIZE SALARY SAVINGS TO REPLACE CAPITAL VEHICLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the biennial budget Ordinance No. C36626, as above entitled in part, and which passed the City Council December 9, 2024, it is necessary to make changes in the appropriations of the Facilities Management Fund, which changes could not have been anticipated or known at the time of making such budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been on file in the City Clerk's Office for five days;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That in the budget of the Facilities Management Fund, and the budget annexed thereto with reference to the Fund, the following changes be made:

- 1) Decrease appropriation by \$150,000.
 - A) Of the decreased appropriation, \$150,000 is provided solely from salaries and benefits.
- 2) Increase appropriation by \$150,000.
 - A) Of the increased appropriation, \$150,000 is provided solely for capital vehicles.

Section 2. It is, therefore, by the City Council declared that an urgency and emergency exists for making the changes set forth herein, such urgency and emergency arising from the need to replace capital vehicles in the Facilities Management department, and because of such need, an urgency and emergency exists for the passage of this ordinance, and also, because the same makes an appropriation, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025

Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36797

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. C36626, ENTITLED IN PART, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE", AND AMENDING IT TO RE-ALLOCATE ARPA FUNDING FOR OTHER ELIGIBLE PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the biennial budget Ordinance No. C36626, as above entitled in part, and which passed the City Council December 9, 2024, it is necessary to make changes in the appropriations of the American Rescue Plan Fund, which changes could not have been anticipated or known at the time of making such budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been on file in the City Clerk's Office for five days;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That in the budget of the American Rescue Plan Fund, and the budget annexed thereto with reference to the Fund, the following changes be made:

- 1) Reallocate the appropriation of \$130,343.21 that was previously allocated for the purpose of homelessness operations.
- 2) Reallocate the appropriation of \$21,357.82 that was previously allocated for the purpose of affordable housing.
- 3) Reallocate the appropriation of \$31,674.10 that was previously allocated for the purpose of working family tax credit marketing campaign.
- 4) Reallocate the appropriation of \$28,334.46 that was previously allocated for the purpose of childcare need operations.
- 5) Reallocate the appropriation of \$8,663.41 that was previously allocated for the purpose of Expo 74 50th anniversary celebration.
- 6) Of the reallocated appropriation, \$40,373 is provided solely for the administrative need for contractual services.
- 7) Of the reallocated appropriation, \$180,000 is provided solely for the administrative need for accounting services.

8) Increase appropriation by \$50,335.82.

A) Of the increased appropriation, \$50,335.82 is provided solely for the administrative need for contractual services.

Section 2. It is, therefore, by the City Council declared that an urgency and emergency exists for making the changes set forth herein, such urgency and emergency arising from the need to re-allocate ARPA funding for other eligible purposes, and because of such need, an urgency and emergency exists for the passage of this ordinance, and also, because the same makes an appropriation, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025

Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36798

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. C36626, ENTITLED IN PART, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE", AND AMENDING IT TO ACCEPT AN AWC BUILDING AUDIT GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the biennial budget Ordinance No. C36626, as above entitled in part, and which passed the City Council December 9, 2024, it is necessary to make changes in the appropriations of the Facilities Capital Fund and Facilities Management Fund, which changes could not have been anticipated or known at the time of making such budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been on file in the City Clerk's Office for five days;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That in the budget of the Facilities Capital Fund, and the budget annexed thereto with reference to the Fund, the following changes be made:

1) Increase revenue by \$402,151.

A) Of the increased revenue, \$272,292 is provided solely from other state agencies (Association of Washington Cities).

B) Of the increased revenue, \$129,859 is provided solely from an operating transfer-in from the Facilities Management Fund.

2) Increase appropriation by \$402,151.

A) Of the increased appropriation, \$402,151 is provided solely for contractual services.

Section 2. That in the budget of the Facilities Management Fund, and the budget annexed thereto with reference to the Fund, the following changes be made:

1) Increase appropriation by \$129,859.

A) Of the increased appropriation, \$129,859 is provided solely for an operating transfer-out to the Facilities Capital Fund.

Section 3. It is, therefore, by the City Council declared that an urgency and emergency exists for making the changes set forth herein, such urgency and emergency arising from the need to accept an AWC Building Audit grant, and because of such need, an urgency and emergency exists for the passage of this ordinance, and also, because the same makes an appropriation, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025

Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36799

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. C36626, ENTITLED IN PART, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE", AND AMENDING IT TO ADJUST PAY RANGES TO ALIGN WITH SALARY ANALYSIS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the biennial budget Ordinance No. C36626, as above entitled in part, and which passed the City Council December 9, 2024, it is necessary to make changes in the appropriations of the General Fund, which changes could not have been anticipated or known at the time of making such budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been on file in the City Clerk's Office for five days;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That in the budget of the General Fund, and the budget annexed thereto with reference to the Fund, the following changes be made:

- 1) Change the grade and associated pay range for the Prosecutor Support Specialist position as noted below.

Union	SPN	Title	From Grade	To Grade	Former Range	New Range
Local270	026	Prosecutor Support Specialist	---	A04-34	---	\$53,578-\$83,457

- 2) Change the grade and associated pay range for the Court Administrator position as noted below.

Union	SPN	Title	From Grade	To Grade	Former Range	New Range
From OAC to EXC	From 959A to 957	Court Administrator	A09-69	A07-77	\$161,110-\$204,060	\$161,110-\$204,060

Section 2. It is, therefore, by the City Council declared that an urgency and emergency exists for making the changes set forth herein, such urgency and emergency arising from the need to adjust pay ranges to align with salary analysis, and because of such need, an urgency and emergency exists for the passage of this ordinance, and also, because the same makes an appropriation, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025

Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36800

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. C36626, ENTITLED IN PART, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE", AND AMENDING IT TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC WORKS APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the biennial budget Ordinance No. C36626, as above entitled in part, and which passed the City Council December 9, 2024, it is necessary to make changes in the appropriations of the General Fund and the Purchasing and Contracts Fund, which changes could not have been anticipated or known at the time of making such budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been on file in the City Clerk's Office for five days;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That in the budget of the General Fund, and the budget annexed thereto with reference to the Fund, the following changes be made:

- 1) Increase appropriation by \$47,319.
- A) Of the increased appropriation, \$47,319 is provided solely for an operating transfer out to the Purchasing and Contracts Fund.

Section 2. That in the budget of the Purchasing and Contracts Fund, and the budget annexed thereto with reference to the Fund, the following changes be made:

- 1) Increase revenue by \$82,319.
- A) Of the increased revenue, \$47,319 is provided solely from an operating transfer in from the General Fund.
- B) Of the increased revenue, \$35,000 is provided solely for miscellaneous fines and penalties.
- 2) Increase appropriation by \$35,000.
- A) Of the increased appropriation, \$35,000 is provided solely for other miscellaneous charges.

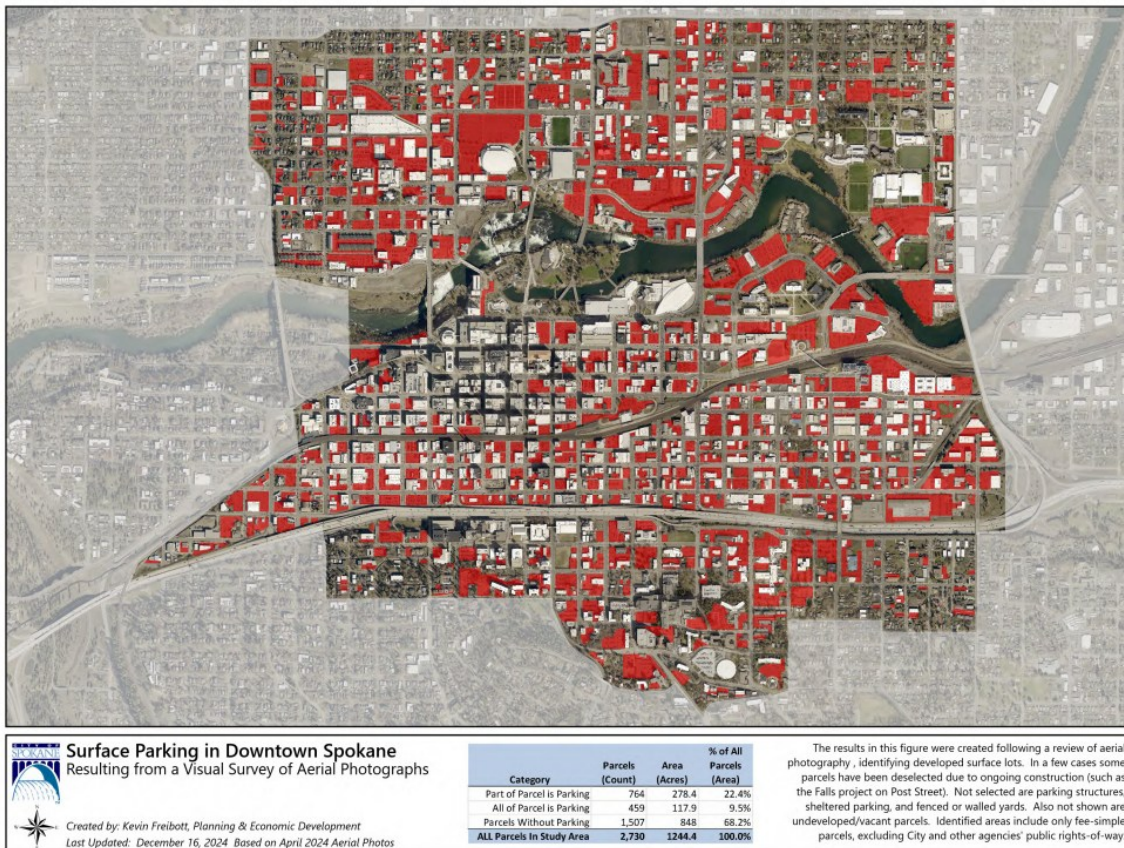
Section 3. It is, therefore, by the City Council declared that an urgency and emergency exists for making the changes set forth herein, such urgency and emergency arising from needing to establish a Public Works Apprenticeship Utilization program, and because of such need, an urgency and emergency exists for the passage of this ordinance, and also, because the same makes an appropriation, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025
Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36801

An ordinance adopting a local option transportation tax for commercial parking for the purpose of funding transportation system and safety improvements, and establishing incentives for efficient land use that meet the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan; amending the title of SMC Chapter 08.07D, Section 08.07D.060, adopting a new Chapter 08.22 to Title 08 to the Spokane Municipal Code; and setting an effective date of April 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, an estimated thirty percent (30%) of land in downtown Spokane is devoted to parking facilities, and sufficient on-street and off-street parking availability exists for residents and visitors driving downtown; and



WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan policy DP 2.13 supports minimizing the impacts of surface parking on the neighborhood fabric by encouraging the use of structured parking with active commercial storefronts containing retail, service, or office uses, and [improving] the pedestrian experience in less intensive areas through the use of street trees, screen walls, and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan policy TR 18 calls for the City to develop and administer vehicle parking policies that appropriately manage the demand for parking based upon the urban context; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan policy SH 6.1 supports Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design through Friendly Streetscapes – encouraging on-street parking (as opposed to expansive parking lots)...”; and

WHEREAS, Spokane Municipal Code 17C.124.340, adopted by the City Council through Ordinance C34522 in 2009, requires parking structures to include street-level retail, office, or civic uses along at least fifty percent (50%) of the street frontage not devoted to vehicular access areas in all downtown zones; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance C34522 (SMC 17C.124.110) also requires new downtown stand-alone commercial parking as a primary use to be located entirely within a parking structure; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Downtown Spokane Parking Study Plan found that surface lots not only limit development of new housing or commercial uses, but also significantly detract from the aesthetics, safety, and walkability of downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Spokane Parking Study Plan also found that even at the busiest time of day, parking occupancy peaks at 56%, leaving thousands of parking spaces underutilized; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Spokane Parking Study Plan in F.2 – Expand and Diversify Funding Approaches and Financial Incentives calls for the City to create “innovative tax or tax abatement approaches to phase out or incentivize different uses for surface parking lots” to incentivize new development on surface parking lots to highest and best use and ensure long-term financial stability and diversity of the City’s revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, according to the University District Parking Study, parking occupies one-fifth (1/5th) of all land in the University District; and

WHEREAS, the University District Parking Study found “large surface parking lots impact the overall walkability and connectivity of each campus, as well as the [University] district as a whole. Future development and additions of parking supply should evaluate approaches that minimize surface parking and prioritize multimodal connectivity”; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane City Council passed Resolution 2021-0087, adopting the City of Spokane Sustainability Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Sustainability Action Plan Strategy 2. Encourage sustainable land use that promotes varied housing options and infill development, calls for the elimination of financial incentives for low-intensity development (i.e., surface parking) as a priority action; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane City Council adopted Ordinance C36080, adopting the Spokane Downtown Plan; and

WHEREAS, surface parking areas contribute disproportionately to warming in urban environments and the Spokane Downtown Plan calls for the City to reduce the impacts of surface parking lots, including their contributions to urban heat islands; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Downtown Plan found “the predominance of surface parking lots detracts from the experience of walking Downtown. Redevelopment of these sites would strengthen the downtown fabric and bring new activities and jobs. Reducing surface parking and consolidating parking in garages would improve walkability in the city and at the same time improve parking options for businesses, employees, and visitors.”

WHEREAS, a priority action recommended by the Spokane Downtown Plan is to actively pursue redevelopment of surface [parking] lots, including the redevelopment of the existing surface parking lots in the DTC-100 Zone along Spokane Falls Boulevard, which has been identified as an opportunity site since the adoption of the 2008 Spokane Downtown Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Downtown Plan calls for the City and Downtown Spokane Partnership to prioritize an effort to actively pursue commercial and residential mixed-use development on surface parking lots through policy strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Downtown Plan calls for the expansion of structured parking that minimizes the impact of parking on the pedestrian realm with ground-floor uses, design of vehicular access, adaptive strategies, and façade treatments that make for a more engaging, pedestrian-oriented structures while preserving the capacity to convert such a facility to a higher and better use for the Downtown in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2023-0014 and Ordinance C36357, establishing a sales and use tax deferral program commonly known as ‘Pavement to People, incentivizing the development of surface parking lots into affordable and market-rate housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane was the first and remains the only city in the state of Washington to establish a sales and use tax deferral program, incentivizing the redevelopment of underdeveloped property, including surface parking lots into housing; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance C36646, eliminating height limits in downtown Spokane to encourage the development of housing; and

WHEREAS, transportation revenue received by the City through sources authorized by the state, such as the Real Estate Excise Tax and Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, distributed by the state, is subject to significant market fluctuations; and

WHEREAS, macroeconomic factors such as inflation have increased costs for labor, asphalt, fuel, deicer, electricity for traffic and street lighting, and owning and maintaining trucks and related equipment, which leads to a reduction in the City's buying power and impacts the City's ability to deliver transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Washington state law (RCW 82.80.030) provides a local option transportation funding source through the imposition of a commercial parking tax in accordance with RCW 82.80.070 to be used solely for the purpose of making transportation improvements in accordance with chapter 36.73 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Policy 7.4 – Tax Incentives for Land Improvement calls for the city to “Support a tax structure that encourages business investment and construction where infrastructure exists, especially in centers or other target areas for development.”; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Spokane to impose, pursuant to RCW 82.80.030, a uniform local option commercial parking tax to fund the City of Spokane's transportation system and establish incentives for efficient land use that meet the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1 . That the title of chapter 08.07D of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 08.07D Pavement to People Sales and Use Tax Deferral Program ((for Underdeveloped Urban Land Redevelopment))

Section 2 . That Section 08.07D.060 of Chapter 08.07D of the Spokane Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 08.07D.060 Application Fee

- A. The City may establish an application fee. This fee shall not exceed an amount determined to be required to cover the cost to be incurred by the City in administering the program under this chapter, and shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council on an annual basis. The application fee must be paid at the time the application for program approval is filed.
- B. The application fee shall not apply to underdeveloped property subject to the tax imposed in SMC Chapter 08.22.

Section 3 . There is enacted a new chapter 08.22 to Title 08 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 08.22	Local Option Transportation Tax – Commercial Parking
08.22.010	Definitions
08.22.020	Imposition of Local Option Transportation Tax - Commercial Parking
08.22.030	Commercial Parking Tax Exemptions
08.22.040	Collection and Remittance of Commercial Parking Tax to the City
08.22.050	Local Option Transportation Revenue
08.22.060	Efficient Land Use Credit Program

Section 08.22.010 Definitions

Term	Definition
Commercial Parking	Commercial Parking means any transaction or arrangement whereby a vehicle is parked, and a fee is charged for parking or allowing the vehicle to be parked.
Commercial Parking Business	Commercial Parking Business shares the same definition as “Commercial Parking Business” in RCW 82.80.030.
Commercial Parking Lot	Commercial Parking Lot shares the same definition as “Commercial Parking Lot” in RCW 82.80.030.
Commercial Parking Tax	Commercial Parking Tax means the special local option transportation tax, pursuant to RCW 82.80.030(2), imposed by this chapter.
Counter-Complete	Counter-complete means that the Commercial Parking Lot has an accepted building permit for residential or commercial development with full payment of associated plan review fees.
Parking fee	Parking fee means the fee paid or due for the act or privilege of parking a vehicle in a commercial parking lot.

Section 08.22.020 Imposition of Local Option Transportation Tax - Commercial Parking

- A. Pursuant to RCW 82.80.030(2), a local option transportation tax is imposed for the act of parking a motor vehicle in a facility operated by a commercial parking business.
- B. The amount of the commercial parking tax shall be equal to the parking fee multiplied by the commercial parking tax rate.
- C. Effective January 1, 2026, the commercial parking tax rate is imposed at twelve percent (0.12). The local option transportation tax levied by this chapter shall be in addition to any license fee or tax imposed or levied under any law, statute, or ordinance, whether imposed or levied by the City, State, or other governmental entity or political subdivision.
- D. It shall be conclusively presumed that the posted parking prices do not include the commercial parking tax unless all the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The fee is advertised as including the commercial parking tax, or that the commercial parking business is paying the commercial parking tax; and
 - 2. The words "tax included" are stated immediately following the advertised or posted prices in print size at least half as large as the advertised or posted prices print size; and
- E. All advertised or posted parking prices and the words "tax included" are stated in the same medium, whether oral or visual, and if oral, in substantially the same inflection and volume. If these conditions are satisfied, then price lists, reader boards, and other price information media need not separately show the parking fee and the actual amount of commercial parking tax being collected.

Section 08.22.030 Commercial Parking Tax Exemptions

The following are exempt from the commercial parking tax:

- A. All exemptions provided in RCW 82.80.030;
- B. Employee parking, with commercial parking lot stalls provided or reserved for use by an employee who works within the city of Spokane, where the employee parks their vehicle in connection with their employment, without regard to whether arrangements or payment for the parking is made by the employee or by their employer; and
- C. Student parking, with commercial parking lot stalls provided or reserved for use by a student attending a secondary or post-secondary school within the city of Spokane, where the student parks their vehicle in connection with their enrollment, without regard to whether arrangements or payment for the parking is made by the student or by their school;
- D. Residential parking, with commercial parking lot stalls provided or reserved for use by a resident of the city of Spokane, where the resident parks their vehicle in connection with their residence, without regard to whether arrangements or payment for the parking is made by the resident, landlord, property manager, or property owner; and
- E. On-street parking, where the parking stall is controlled, regulated, and inspected by the City of Spokane's Parking Services.

Section 08.22.040 Collection and Remittance of Commercial Parking Tax to the City

- A. A commercial parking business or person acting on behalf of a commercial parking business shall collect the amount of the commercial parking tax at the time payment for the parking fee is made.
- B. The commercial parking tax shall be stated separately from the parking fee on all instruments evidencing the parking fee.
- C. The commercial parking tax imposed by this chapter is due and payable monthly. Every commercial parking business or person subject to the commercial parking tax shall file a verified return, in such form as prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer and remit the tax due by the last day of the month. The commercial parking tax shall be deemed held in trust by the person required to collect the same until remitted to the City. Any commercial parking business or person that fails to collect the commercial parking tax, or that collects the commercial parking tax but fails to remit the commercial parking tax to the City, shall be liable to the City for the amount of such tax.
- D. The City shall be authorized to review and inspect financial records involving activities of commercial parking businesses which are taxable by this tax, at least quarterly each year.
- E. If a commercial parking business subject to this tax fails to pay any tax required by this chapter within fifteen (15) days after the due date thereof, there may be added to such tax a penalty of ten % (10%) of the tax per month for each month overdue, which shall be added to the amount of the tax due.

Section 08.22.050 Local Option Transportation Revenue

Pursuant to RCW 82.80.070, the proceeds collected pursuant to the exercise of the local option authority of RCW 82.80.030 shall be used for transportation purposes only, including but not limited to street construction and

maintenance, street paving, sidewalk construction and maintenance, and other transportation system improvements and for the administration of the local option transportation tax authorized by this chapter, including those activities of the City in keeping and tracking records and credits, financial reports and other documents, reviewing filings and compiling reports by commercial parking businesses, and other activities involved in collection and enforcement of the tax.

Section 08.22.060 Efficient Land Use Credit Program

- A. It is the intent of the City of Spokane to establish an Efficient Land Use Credit Program to meet the City's land use standards, Comprehensive Plan goals, and the recommendations of the Spokane Downtown Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, and Downtown Parking Study.
- B. Any commercial parking lot meeting any of the following criteria, as determined by the City, may be eligible for an Efficient Land Use Credit equivalent to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the commercial parking tax rate imposed in SMC 08.22.020:
 - 1. Commercial Parking Lot with two or more floors of commercial parking;
 - 2. Commercial Parking Lot below ground-level; or
 - 3. Commercial Parking Lot with a counter-complete building permit for residential or commercial development as of the effective date of this ordinance.
- C. A commercial parking business with a commercial parking lot eligible for a credit under this section shall submit a written request to the City of Spokane, using the form prescribed and supplied by the City.
- D. If approved, the effective date for the credit shall be the month following the City's acceptance of an accurate, complete, and signed request. Any tax and any associated late penalties that may have accrued for the commercial parking business prior to the effective date of the credit shall be due before the issuance of the credit.
- E. The commercial parking business is responsible for reporting any change that may affect the qualification of a credit provided by this section. If the commercial parking business fails to report any such change, the City shall pursue the tax required by this chapter, including any penalties provided by SMC 08.22.040(E).

Section 4. Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be April 1, 2026.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance.

Section 6. Clerical Errors. Upon approval by the city attorney, the city clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including scrivener's errors or clerical mistakes; references to other local, state, or federal laws, rules, or regulations; or numbering or referencing of ordinances or their sections and subsections.

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Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025**

ORDINANCE NO. C36807

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. C36626, ENTITLED IN PART, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE", AND AMENDING IT TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM WTSC FOR PHLEBOTOMY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the biennial budget Ordinance No. C36626, as above entitled in part, and which passed the City Council December 9, 2024, it is necessary to make changes in the appropriations of the Public Safety & Judicial Grants Fund, which changes could not have been anticipated or known at the time of making such budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been on file in the City Clerk's Office for five days;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That in the budget of the Public Safety & Judicial Grants Fund, and the budget annexed thereto with reference to the Fund, the following changes be made:

- 1) Increase revenue by \$69,250.
- A) Of the increased revenue, \$69,250 is provided solely by Washington Traffic Safety Commission for the phlebotomy program.
- 2) Increase appropriation by \$69,250.

- A) Of the increased appropriation, \$14,000 is provided solely for uniform overtime.
- B) Of the increased appropriation, \$25,000 is provided solely for operating supplies.
- C) Of the increased appropriation, \$10,000 is provided solely for professional services.
- D) Of the increased appropriation, \$20,250 is provided solely for registration and schooling.

Section 2. It is, therefore, by the City Council declared that an urgency and emergency exists for making the changes set forth herein, such urgency and emergency arising from the need to accept grant funding from Washington Traffic Safety Commission for a phlebotomy program, and because of such need, an urgency and emergency exists for the passage of this ordinance, and also, because the same makes an appropriation, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025
Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO.C36811

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual rates for water utility and services, amending chapter 13.04 of the Spokane Municipal Code; and setting an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City is updating and amending SMC sections 13.04.2002, 13.04.2004, 13.04.2005, 13.04.2008, 13.04.2010, 13.04.2012, 13.04.2014, 13.04.2015, 13.04.2016, and 13.04.20161 to chapter 13.04 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1: That SMC section 13.04.2002 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2002 City Residence Rates

A. Single-family Residence – Basic Charge.

1. Within the City limits, the basic monthly service charge for each single-family residence where the water is being used or water is available to the property shall be:
 - a.

((2025))	2026
(((\$19.04))	(((\$19.97)) <u>\$20.07</u>

- b. Unless otherwise provided, for two or more single-family residences on one meter, the above service charge shall apply for each residence.
2. For purposes of this chapter, a “single-family residence” or “equivalent residential unit” designation applies to each self-contained, stand-alone living unit with at least one:
 - a. kitchen or cooking area room, which must include a sink;
 - b. bathroom, which must include a toilet, bathtub, and sink or a toilet, shower, and sink.
 - c. a separate entrance that does not require residents to co-mingle.

B. Consumption Charge.

The following consumption charge rate schedule is adopted to encourage water conservation and promote environmental quality. Within the City limits, for each one hundred cubic feet, or major fraction (approximately seven hundred fifty gallons) of water used, there will be the following consumption charges:

Monthly Water Usage (in cubic feet)	Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet	
	((2025))	2026
Zero up to 600	(((\$0.3584))	(((\$0.3756)) <u>\$0.3775</u>
Greater than 600 up to 1,200	(((\$0.7577))	(((\$0.7948)) <u>\$0.7988</u>
Greater than 1,200 up to 2,500	(((\$1.0193))	(((\$1.0692)) <u>\$1.0746</u>
Greater than 2,500 up to 4,500	(((\$1.6115))	(((\$1.6905)) <u>\$1.6989</u>
Greater than 4,500	(((\$2.3179))	(((\$2.4315)) <u>\$2.4436</u>

- C. No vacancy allowance will be made.
- D. Family daycare homes shall be billed at the single-family rate. For purposes of this provision, "family daycare homes" shall mean a daycare facility:
1. furnishing care, supervision, and guidance for persons twelve years of age or younger for more than four but less than twenty-four hours in a day;
 2. licensed as such by the state department of social and health services; and;
 3. which regularly provides such care during part of a twenty-four hour day for no more than twelve children in the dwelling of the person(s) in charge.
- E. Capital Charge.
In addition to the basic charge and consumption charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 2: That SMC section 13.04.2004 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2004 City Commercial and Industrial Rates

- A. These rates apply to commercial and industrial customers and to all other customer premises not specifically identified on City utilities billing records as single-family residences or PUDs. The rates are for service inside the city limits of the City of Spokane.
1. Size of Service / Meter Charge Per Month.

Size of Service	Meter Charge Per Month	
	((2025))	2026
1 inch or smaller	((\$21.28))	((\$22.33)) <u>\$22.44</u>
1 ½ inch	((\$34.71))	((\$36.41)) <u>\$36.59</u>
2 inch	((\$49.19))	((\$51.60)) <u>\$51.86</u>
3 inch	((\$78.78))	((\$82.64)) <u>\$83.06</u>
4 inch	((\$108.51))	((\$113.83)) <u>\$114.39</u>
6 inch	((\$153.49))	((\$161.01)) <u>\$161.82</u>
8 inch	((\$314.48))	((\$329.89)) <u>\$331.54</u>
10 inch	((\$459.25))	((\$481.76)) <u>\$484.17</u>

- B. Consumption.
The following rate schedule is adopted to encourage water conservation and promote environmental quality. For each one hundred cubic feet, or major fraction (approximately seven hundred fifty gallons) of water used, there will be the following monthly consumption charges:
1. Monthly Water Use / Charge Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet.
 - a. Zero cubic feet to six hundred cubic feet per month:

Monthly Water Usage (in cubic feet)	Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet	
	((2025))	2026
Zero up to 600 (Charge for all use: zero up to 600.)	((\$0.3975))	((\$0.4170)) <u>\$0.4191</u>
Greater than 600 up to 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero up to 1,000.)	((\$0.8249))	((\$0.8653)) <u>\$0.8696</u>
Greater than 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero to amount used.)	((\$1.1933))	((\$1.2517)) <u>\$1.2580</u>

- C. Capital Charge.
In addition to the meter charge and consumption charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 3: That SMC section 13.04.2005 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2005 City Planned Unit Developments (PUD)

A. Basic Charge.

In general, a planned unit development (PUD) designation is one approved in accord with applicable PUD development standards and served by a master water meter. However, if a dwelling unit would otherwise be included within a PUD designation but has its own individual City water meter, it will be billed as a single-family residence under SMC 13.04.2002 or other applicable rate section. Questions of applicability are determined by the director. [Cross Reference: SMC 17A.020.160(T)]

B. Consumption.

For billing water consumption, the PUD will be charged the same as a single-family residence within the City limits except the PUD's total consumption will be divided by the total number of dwelling units to determine the per-dwelling consumption for purposes of applying the rate steps defined in SMC 13.04.2002(B).

C. Size of Service / Meter Charge Per Month.

Size of Service	Meter Charge Per Month	
	((2025))	2026
1 inch or smaller	((\$21.28))	((\$22.33)) <u>\$22.44</u>
1 ½ inch	((\$34.74))	((\$36.44)) <u>\$36.59</u>
2 inch	((\$49.19))	((\$51.60)) <u>\$51.86</u>
3 inch	((\$78.78))	((\$82.64)) <u>\$83.06</u>
4 inch	((\$108.51))	((\$113.83)) <u>\$114.39</u>
6 inch	((\$153.49))	((\$161.04)) <u>\$161.82</u>
8 inch	((\$314.48))	((\$329.89)) <u>\$331.55</u>
10 inch	((\$459.25))	((\$481.76)) <u>\$484.17</u>

D. Capital Charge.

In addition to the basic charge and consumption charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 4: That SMC section 13.04.2008 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2008 Construction Rates

A. Rates for water used during construction will be charged per month, or fractional part thereof, in accord with the following rates.

1. Worksite will be inspected at least every ninety days to determine meter status.
2. The meter installation will be made at the earliest possible date.
3. Residential meters installed prior to occupancy construction rates will apply until certificate of occupancy is granted.

B. Size of Service / Meter Charge Per Month.

Size of Service	Meter Charge Per Month	
	((2025))	2026
1 inch or smaller	((\$21.28))	((\$22.33)) <u>\$22.44</u>
1 ½ inch	((\$34.74))	((\$36.44)) <u>\$36.59</u>
2 inch	((\$49.19))	((\$51.60)) <u>\$51.86</u>
3 inch	((\$78.78))	((\$82.64)) <u>\$83.06</u>
4 inch	((\$108.51))	((\$113.83)) <u>\$114.39</u>
6 inch	((\$153.49))	((\$161.04)) <u>\$161.82</u>
8 inch	((\$314.48))	((\$329.89)) <u>\$331.54</u>
10 inch	((\$459.25))	((\$481.76)) <u>\$484.17</u>

Section 5: That SMC section 13.04.2010 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2010 Water for Private Fire Protection

- A. For inside the City of Spokane metered and unmetered connection on the City's water mains supplying hydrants, standpipes, or automatic sprinklers for private fire protection to the premises, charges will be made in accord with the following rates:

Size of Service	Meter Charge Per Month	
	((2025))	2026
3 inch or smaller	((\$22.52))	((\$23.63)) <u>\$23.75</u>
4 inch	((\$31.80))	((\$33.36)) <u>\$33.53</u>
6 inch	((\$44.19))	((\$46.36)) <u>\$46.59</u>
8 inch	((\$53.47))	((\$56.09)) <u>\$56.37</u>
10 inch	((\$63.94))	((\$67.08)) <u>\$67.41</u>

1. Charge Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet. The following consumption rate schedule is adopted to encourage water conservation and promote environmental quality.
Inside the City limits, for each one hundred cubic feet, or major fraction (approximately seven hundred fifty gallons) of water used, there will be the following consumption charges:

Monthly Water Usage (in cubic feet)	Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet	
	((2025))	2026
Zero up to 600 (Charge for all use: zero up to 600.)	((\$0.3975))	((\$0.4170)) <u>\$0.4191</u>
Greater than 600 up to 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero up to 1,000.)	((\$0.8249))	((\$0.8653)) <u>\$0.8696</u>
Greater than 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero to amount used.)	((\$1.1933))	((\$1.2517)) <u>\$1.2580</u>

- B. For outside the City of Spokane metered and unmetered connection on the City's water mains supplying hydrants, standpipes, or automatic sprinklers for private fire protection to the premises, charges will be made in accord with the following rates:

1. Size of Connection / Service Charge per Month.

Size of Service	Meter Charge Per Month	
	((2025))	2026
3 inch or smaller	((\$33.79))	((\$35.45)) <u>\$35.62</u>
4 inch	((\$47.69))	((\$50.03)) <u>\$50.28</u>
6 inch	((\$66.29))	((\$69.53)) <u>\$69.88</u>
8 inch	((\$80.19))	((\$84.11)) <u>\$84.54</u>
10 inch	((\$95.94))	((\$100.64)) <u>\$101.12</u>

2. The following consumption rate schedule is adopted to encourage water conservation and promote environmental quality.
Outside the City limits, for each one hundred cubic feet, or major fraction (approximately seven hundred fifty gallons) of water used, there will be the following consumption charges:

Monthly Water Usage (in cubic feet)	Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet	
	((2025))	2026
Zero up to 600 (Charge for all use: zero up to 600.)	((\$0.5962))	((\$0.6254)) <u>\$0.6285</u>
Greater than 600 up to 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero up to 1,000.)	((\$1.2377))	((\$1.2983)) <u>\$1.3048</u>
Greater than 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero to amount used.)	((\$1.7899))	((\$1.8776)) <u>\$1.8870</u>

Section 6: That SMC section 13.04.2012 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2012 Outside City Residence Rates

A. Basic Charge: Single-family Residence.

1. Outside the City, for each single-family residence, the monthly service charge where the water is being used or reflected as on in the records of the City of Spokane utilities billings office shall be:

((2025))	2026
((\$28.56))	((\$29.96)) <u>\$30.11</u>

2. For two or more single-family residences on one meter the above service charge shall apply for each residence. "Single-family residence" has the meaning in SMC 13.04.2002(A)(2).

B. Consumption.

The following rate schedule is adopted to encourage water conservation and promote environmental quality. Outside the City limits, for each one hundred cubic feet or major fraction (approximately seven hundred fifty gallons) of water used, there will be the following consumption charges:

Monthly Water Usage (in cubic feet)	Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet	
	((2025))	2026
Zero up to 600	((\$0.5374))	((\$0.5635)) <u>\$0.5663</u>
Greater than 600 up to 1,200	((\$1.1366))	((\$1.1923)) <u>\$1.1983</u>
Greater than 1,200 up to 2,500	((\$1.5294))	((\$1.6039)) <u>\$1.6119</u>
Greater than 2,500 up to 4,500	((\$2.4173))	((\$2.5357)) <u>\$2.5483</u>
Greater than 4,500	((\$3.4769))	((\$3.6473)) <u>\$3.6656</u>

C. No vacancy allowance.

D. Family daycare homes shall be billed at the single-family rate. For purposes of this provision, "family daycare homes" shall mean a day care facility:

1. furnishing care, supervision, and guidance for persons twelve years of age or younger for more than four but less than twenty-four hours in a day;
2. licensed as such by the state department of social and health services; and
3. which regularly provides such care during part of a twenty-four hour day for no more than twelve children in the dwelling of the person(s) in charge.

E. Capital Charge.

In addition to the basic charge and consumption charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 7: That SMC section 13.04.2014 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2014 Outside City Rate to Other Purveyors

- A. Standby/Emergency Water:** The charge to other purveyors for standby and/or emergency water service and use outside the City's service area shall be at the following rate per one hundred cubic feet of water used plus outside City commercial monthly service charge, unless modified by separate agreement:

((2025))	2026
((\$1.4887))	((\$1.5616)) <u>\$1.5694</u>

1. Operations and Maintenance Capital Charge for Standby and/or Emergency Water Service.

In addition to the standby/emergency water charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500 - Water Service Only Commercial User – Minimum Capital Charge – Outside City (includes first twenty-eight units) and Water Service Only Commercial User – Outside City – capital consumption charges.

- B. Continuous Supplemental Water:** Continuous Supplemental Water is defined as those Purveyors who draw water for at least nine (9) consecutive months at a time.

The charge to other purveyors for continuous supplemental water service to be used outside the City's service area shall be at the following rate per one hundred cubic feet of water used plus outside City commercial monthly service charge, unless modified by separate agreement:

((2025))	2026
((\$1.4887))	((\$1.5646)) <u>\$1.5694</u>

1. Operations and Maintenance Capital Charge for Continuous Supplemental Water Service.

In addition to the continuous supplemental water charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500 - Water Service Only - Other Purveyors - Continuous Supplemental Water User – Outside City – capital consumption charge.

Section 8: That SMC section 13.04.2015 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2015 Outside City Planned Unit Developments (PUD)

A. Basic Charge.

In general, a planned unit development (PUD) designation is one approved in accord with applicable PUD development standards and served by a master water meter. However, if a dwelling unit would otherwise be included within a PUD designation but has its own individual city water meter, it will be billed as a single-family residence under SMC 13.04.2012 or other applicable rate section. Questions of applicability are determined by the director. [Cross Reference: SMC 17A.020.160(T)]

B. Consumption.

For billing water consumption, the outside city PUD basic charge will be charged the same as a single-family residence outside the City limits except the PUD's total consumption will be divided by the total number of dwelling units to determine the per-dwelling consumption for purposes of applying the rate steps defined in SMC 13.04.2012(B).

C. Size of Service / Meter Charge Per Month.

Size of Service	Meter Charge Per Month	
	((2025))	2026
1 inch or smaller	((\$41.22))	((\$43.24)) <u>\$43.45</u>
1 ½ inch	((\$61.35))	((\$64.36)) <u>\$64.68</u>
2 inch	((\$83.09))	((\$87.16)) <u>\$87.59</u>
3 inch	((\$127.47))	((\$133.72)) <u>\$134.38</u>
4 inch	((\$172.06))	((\$180.49)) <u>\$181.39</u>
6 inch	((\$239.53))	((\$251.27)) <u>\$252.52</u>
8 inch	((\$481.16))	((\$504.73)) <u>\$507.26</u>
10 inch	((\$698.20))	((\$732.44)) <u>\$736.07</u>

D. Capital Charge.

In addition to the basic charge and consumption charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 9: That SMC section 13.04.2016 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.2016 Outside City Commercial and Industrial Rates

A. These rates apply to commercial and industrial customers and to all other customer premises not specifically identified as single-family residences or PUDs. The rates are for service outside the city limits of the City of Spokane.

B. Size of Service / Service Charge Per Month.

Size of Service	Meter Charge Per Month	
	((2025))	2026
1 inch or smaller	(((\$41.22))	(((\$43.24)) <u>\$43.45</u>
1 ½ inch	(((\$61.35))	(((\$64.36)) <u>\$64.68</u>
2 inch	(((\$83.09))	(((\$87.16)) <u>\$87.59</u>
3 inch	(((\$127.47))	(((\$133.72)) <u>\$134.38</u>
4 inch	(((\$172.06))	(((\$180.49)) <u>\$181.39</u>
6 inch	(((\$239.53))	(((\$251.27)) <u>\$252.52</u>
8 inch	(((\$481.16))	(((\$504.73)) <u>\$507.26</u>
10 inch	(((\$698.20))	(((\$732.41)) <u>\$736.07</u>

- C. The following rate schedule is adopted to encourage water conservation and promote environmental quality. Outside the City limits, for each one hundred cubic feet, or major fraction (approximately seven hundred fifty gallons) of water used, there will be the following consumption charges:

Monthly Water Usage (in cubic feet)	Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet	
	((2025))	2026
Zero up to 600 (Charge for all use: zero up to 600.)	(((\$0.5962))	(((\$0.6254)) <u>\$0.6285</u>
Greater than 600 up to 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero up to 1,000.)	(((\$1.2377))	(((\$1.2983)) <u>\$1.3048</u>
Greater than 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero to amount used.)	(((\$1.7899))	(((\$1.8776)) <u>\$1.8870</u>

D. Capital Charge.

In addition to the size of service/service charge and consumption charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 10: That SMC section 13.04.20161 is amended to read as follows:

13.04.20161 PDA Water Rates

- A. These rates apply to residential customers located within a designated and approved Public Development Authority (PDA).

1. Basic Charge – Residential Customer:

((2025))	2026
(((\$19.04))	(((\$19.97)) <u>\$20.07</u>

2. Consumption Charge – Residential Customer.

The following consumption charge rate schedule is adopted to encourage water conservation and promote environmental quality. Within the PDA boundaries, for each one hundred cubic feet, or major fraction (approximately seven hundred fifty gallons) of water used, there will be the following consumption charges:

Monthly Water Usage	Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet	
	((2025))	2026
Zero up to 600	(((\$0.3581))	(((\$0.3756)) <u>\$0.3775</u>
Greater than 600 up to 1,200	(((\$0.7577))	(((\$0.7948)) <u>\$0.7988</u>
Greater than 1,200 up to 2,500	(((\$1.0193))	(((\$1.0692)) <u>\$1.0746</u>
Greater than 2,500 up to 4,500	(((\$1.6115))	(((\$1.6905)) <u>\$1.6989</u>
Greater than 4,500	(((\$2.3179))	(((\$2.4315)) <u>\$2.4436</u>

B. These rates apply to commercial customers located within a designated and approved Public Development Authority (PDA).

1. Size of Service / Meter Charge Per Month.

Size of Service	Meter Charge Per Month	
	((2025))	2026
1 inch or smaller	((\$21.28))	((\$22.33)) <u>\$22.44</u>
1 ½ inch	((\$34.71))	((\$36.41)) <u>\$36.59</u>
2 inch	((\$49.19))	((\$51.60)) <u>\$51.86</u>
3 inch	((\$78.78))	((\$82.64)) <u>\$83.06</u>
4 inch	((\$108.54))	((\$113.83)) <u>\$114.39</u>
6 inch	((\$153.49))	((\$161.04)) <u>\$161.82</u>
8 inch	((\$314.48))	((\$329.89)) <u>\$331.54</u>
10 inch	((\$459.25))	((\$481.76)) <u>\$484.17</u>

2. Commercial Consumption.

The following rate schedule is adopted to encourage water conservation and promote environmental quality. For each one hundred cubic feet, or major fraction (approximately seven hundred fifty gallons) of water used, there will be the following monthly consumption charges:

PDA Monthly Water Usage (in cubic feet)	Rate Per Hundred Cubic Feet	
	((2025))	2026
Zero up to 600 (Charge for all use: zero up to 600.)	((\$0.3975))	((\$0.4170)) <u>\$0.4191</u>
Greater than 600 up to 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero up to 1,000.)	((\$0.8249))	((\$0.8653)) <u>\$0.8696</u>
Greater than 1,000 (Charge for all use: zero to amount used.)	((\$1.1933))	((\$1.2518)) <u>1.2581</u>

3. Capital Charge. In addition to the basic charge and consumption charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 11: Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the later of January 1, 2026 or the time set forth in Section 19 of the City Charter.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025

Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36812

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual rates for the sewer utility and services, amending chapter 13.03 of the Spokane Municipal Code; and setting an effective date.

WHEREAS, City is updating and amending SMC sections 13.03.1004, 13.03.1008, 13.03.1010, 13.03.1011, 13.03.1012, 13.03.1018, 13.03.1020, and 13.03.1022 to chapter 13.03 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1: That SMC section 13.03.1004 is amended to read as follows:

Section 13.03.1004 Basic Domestic Service Charge – Monthly Amount

The City's basic monthly domestic service charge is reflected in this section.

Basic Domestic Service Charge	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Basic domestic service charge	((\$28.92))	((\$30.34)) <u>\$30.49</u>
Cost per RV dump connection	((\$7.05))	((\$7.40)) <u>\$7.44</u>

Section 2: That SMC section 13.03.1008 is amended to read as follows:

13.03.1008 Domestic and Commercial User Charges Inside City – Monthly Amount

This section lists the City's monthly domestic and commercial user and other monthly charges for customers located inside the City. The Domestic and Commercial User Charge is the monthly amount charged to all properties connected to the sewer system and to those properties for which the established connection deadline has passed.

A. Domestic User Charge (single-family residence or equivalent residential unit).

Domestic User Charge - Inside City	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Domestic charge	((\$37.74))	((\$39.59)) <u>\$39.79</u>
General stormwater charge	((\$5.31))	((\$5.57)) <u>\$5.60</u>
Cost for additional apartment	((\$33.93))	((\$35.59)) <u>\$35.77</u>
General stormwater charge per unit for four units or Less	((\$4.55))	((\$4.77)) <u>\$4.79</u>
General stormwater charge per unit for over four units	((\$3.65))	((\$3.83)) <u>\$3.85</u>

1. Capital Rates.

In addition to the Domestic User charge there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

B. Commercial User Charge.

Commercial User Charge - Inside City	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Commercial user charge		
Per hundred cubic feet	((\$1.99))	((\$2.09)) <u>\$2.10</u>
General stormwater charge		
Per impervious acre per year	((\$1,273.91))	((\$1,336.66)) <u>\$1,343.01</u>
Per one-one hundredth impervious acre per month. (See RCW 35.67.020; RCW 35.92.020)	((\$1.06))	((\$1.11)) <u>\$1.12</u>
Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Stormwater user surcharge (per acre or equivalent thereof)	((\$92.84))	((\$97.39)) <u>\$97.88</u>
Process/Seepage user charge		
Per hundred cubic feet	((\$0.5914))	((\$0.62.04)) <u>\$0.6235</u>

1. Capital Rates.

In addition to the Commercial User charge there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 3: That SMC section 13.03.1010 is amended to read as follows:

13.03.1010 Domestic and Commercial User Charges – Outside City Customer – Monthly Amount

This section lists the City's monthly domestic and commercial user charges and other monthly charges for Outside City customers. The Domestic and Commercial User Charge is the monthly amount charged to all properties connected to the sewer system and to those properties for which the established connection deadline has passed.

A. Outside-City Domestic User Charge (single-family residence or equivalent residential unit).

Domestic User Charge - Outside City Customers	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Domestic charge	((\$66.05))	((\$69.28)) <u>\$69.63</u>
Cost for additional apartment	((\$59.38))	((\$62.28)) <u>\$62.59</u>

1. Capital Rates.

In addition to the Outside City Customer Domestic User charge there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

B. Outside City Retail Commercial User Charge.

Commercial User Charge – Outside City Customers	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Per hundred cubic feet	((\$3.48))	((\$3.66)) <u>\$3.68</u>

1. Capital Rates.

In addition to the Outside City Commercial User charge there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

C. Outside City Utility Service Area (except by interlocal agreement).

Outside City Utility Service Area (except by interlocal agreement)	((2025))	2026
Per hundred cubic feet	((\$3.48))	((\$3.66)) <u>\$3.68</u>

1. Capital Rates.

In addition to the Outside City Utility Service Area charge there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 4: That SMC section 13.03.1011 is amended to read as follows:

13.03.1011 PDA Sewer and Stormwater Rates

This section lists the City's monthly sewer and stormwater charges for residential and commercial customers located within a designated and approved Public Development Authority (PDA).

A. PDA User Charge.

PDA User Charge	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
PDA Residential User Charge:		
Domestic User Charge	((\$37.74))	((\$39.59)) <u>\$39.79</u>
Additional Apartment	((\$33.93))	((\$35.59)) <u>\$35.77</u>
PDA Commercial User charge:		
Per hundred cubic feet	((\$1.99))	((\$2.09)) <u>\$2.10</u>
General stormwater charge:		
Domestic Stormwater charge	((\$37.74))	((\$39.59)) <u>\$39.79</u>
General domestic stormwater charge per unit for four units or Less	((\$4.55))	((\$4.77)) <u>\$4.79</u>
General domestic stormwater charge per unit for over four units	((\$3.65))	((\$3.83)) <u>\$3.85</u>
Per impervious acre per year – commercial charge	((\$1,273.94))	((\$1,336.33)) <u>\$1,343.01</u>
Per one-one hundredth impervious acre – Commercial (See RCW 35.67.020; RCW 35.92.020)	((\$1.06))	((\$1.11)) <u>\$1.12</u>
Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Stormwater user surcharge (per acre or equivalent thereof) - Commercial	((\$92.84))	((\$97.39)) <u>\$97.88</u>
Process/Seepage user charge:		
Per hundred cubic feet	((\$0.5914))	((\$0.6204)) <u>\$0.6235</u>

- B. Capital Charge. In addition to the PDA User charge, there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 5: That SMC section 13.03.1012 is amended to read as follows:

13.03.1012 Septage Charge – Amount

This section lists the City's septage charge rate.

A. Septage Charge Rate

Septage Charge	((2025))	2026
User charge (per gallon)	(((\$0.2577))	(((\$0.2703)) <u>\$0.2717</u>

1. Capital Rates.

In addition to the Septage charge there shall be charged a capital charge for all accounts as established and provided for in SMC 13.035.500.

Section 6: That SMC section 13.03.1018 is amended to read as follows:

13.03.1018 Landfill Wastewater Pump and Treat Services – Amount

This section lists the rate for landfill wastewater pump and treat services.

Landfill Pump and Treat Total	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Per hundred cubic feet	(((\$1.12))	(((\$1.18)) <u>\$1.19</u>

Section 7: That SMC section 13.03.1020 is amended to read as follows:

13.03.1020 Cesspool and Miscellaneous Charges – Amount

This section lists the rate for cesspool pump and miscellaneous charges.

A. Cesspool Pump and Miscellaneous Charges.

Gallons	((Basic Charge 2025))	Basic Charge 2026
500	(((\$300.36))	(((\$315.08)) <u>\$316.66</u>
600	(((\$340.82))	(((\$357.52)) <u>\$359.31</u>
700	(((\$379.94))	(((\$398.53)) <u>\$400.52</u>
800	(((\$420.17))	(((\$440.76)) <u>\$442.96</u>
900	(((\$460.34))	(((\$482.89)) <u>\$485.30</u>
1000	(((\$500.28))	(((\$524.79)) <u>\$527.41</u>
1100	(((\$520.33))	(((\$545.83)) <u>\$548.56</u>
1200	(((\$540.32))	(((\$566.79)) <u>\$569.62</u>
1300	(((\$560.36))	(((\$587.82)) <u>\$590.76</u>
1400	(((\$580.25))	(((\$608.68)) <u>\$611.72</u>
1500	(((\$600.40))	(((\$629.82)) <u>\$632.97</u>

Section 8: That SMC section 13.03.1022 is amended to read as follows:

13.03.1022 Refuse Dumpster Maintenance Charge – Amount

This section lists the refuse dumpster maintenance charge.

A. Monthly Refuse Dumpster Maintenance Charge.

Refuse Dumpster	((2025))	2026
Monthly charge	((\$8.29))	((\$8.70)) <u>\$8.74</u>
Inspection fee (start-up, one-time fee)	((\$117.91))	((\$123.69)) <u>\$124.31</u>

Section 9. Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the later of January 1, 2026 or the time set forth in Section 19 of the City Charter.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025
Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36813

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual rates for the solid waste utilities and services, amending chapter 13.02 of the Spokane Municipal Code; and setting an effective date.

WHEREAS, City is updating and amending SMC sections 13.02.0502, 13.02.0504, 13.02.0506, 13.02.0508, 13.02.0510, 13.02.0512, 13.02.0514, 13.02.0518, 13.02.0520, 13.02.0528, 13.02.0552, 13.02.0554, 13.02.0560, 13.02.0561, 13.02.0362, 13.02.0563, and 13.02.0568 to chapter 13.02 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1: That SMC section 13.02.0502 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0502 Residential Service Rates

- A. Service is billed monthly and is calculated by the size of the cart multiplied by the number of carts. There is an additional cost for service if cart is not placed at the curbside.
- Single-family residential premises or equivalent are presumed to require service of at least one thirty-gallon automated cart.
- B. Rates include all taxes imposed on the department. Taxes imposed on the customer are not included in rates stated, but added on to the rates specified herein.
- C. Adjacent Service.
 Container pickup location is up to two feet from vehicle access point for automated service or six feet from the collection vehicle access point for semi-automated service areas. For semi-automated service, automated carts more than six feet from the pickup location will be charged for rollout at rates specified hereafter.

Residential Automated Cart Service	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
20 gallon (Discontinued)	((\$19.54))	((\$20.91)) <u>\$21.01</u>
30 gallon	((\$23.22))	((\$24.84)) <u>\$24.96</u>
60 gallon	((\$42.04))	((\$44.98)) <u>\$45.20</u>
90 gallon	((\$61.39))	((\$65.68)) <u>\$66.01</u>

- D. Debris extending above the top of the automated cart such that the lid is at or above a forty-five degree angle will be charged at a rate of:

((2025))	2026
((\$5.44))	((\$5.82)) <u>\$5.85</u>

E. Rollout Service.

Rollout Service (Pack-out is on a per automated cart basis.)	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Container pickup location from collection vehicle access (in feet).		
2 feet (Automated) / 6 feet (Semi-automated) to 50 feet	((\$18.58))	((\$19.88)) <u>\$19.98</u>
More than 50 feet to 100 feet	((\$37.10))	((\$39.69)) <u>\$39.89</u>
More than 100 feet to 150 feet	((\$55.62))	((\$59.51)) <u>\$59.81</u>
More than 150 feet to 200 feet	((\$74.15))	((\$79.34)) <u>\$79.74</u>

F. Extra/additional items and extra automated cart dumping charges.

- Occasional, infrequent extra waste material (boxes, bags, carts, etc.) which can be readily loaded by hand and when placed at curb or alley will be taken and charged as additional items. Additional items are based on 30-35 gallons and up to 85 pounds; items in excess of 30-35 gallons and more than 85 pounds will be charged a higher fee.
- Regular extra waste will require service upgrade to a larger service category. Cart charges are based on actual cart size multiplied by the base per unit price.

	((2025))	2026
Additional items (per item)		
Adjacent service	((\$5.44))	((\$5.82)) <u>\$5.85</u>
Rollout service	((\$6.87))	((\$7.35)) <u>\$7.39</u>
Extra automated cart dumping charges		
30 gallon	((\$5.81))	((\$6.22)) <u>\$6.25</u>
60 gallon	((\$10.50))	((\$11.23)) <u>\$11.29</u>
90 gallon	((\$15.34))	((\$16.42)) <u>\$16.50</u>
Contaminated recycling cart	((15.34))	((16.42)) <u>\$16.50</u>
Contaminated yard cart	((\$15.34))	((\$16.42)) <u>\$16.50</u>

G. Overloaded/Overweight/Oversize Containers.

1. Overloaded

Debris extending above the top of the automated cart such that the lid is at or above a forty-five degree angle will be charged at a rate of:

((2025))	2026
((\$5.43))	((\$5.82)) <u>\$5.85</u>

2. Overweight.

For residential service, those containers in excess of the maximum allowed weight, as referenced in SMC 13.02.0354(A), are subject to an overweight charge per container, if accepted, of the following:

((2025))	2026
((\$5.43))	((\$5.82)) <u>\$5.85</u>

- For purposes of assessing an overweight cart or container charge, the good faith estimation of the solid waste collector shall be sufficient to support the charge, absent further information, considering that such

employees handle a high volume of carts and containers with regularity and are familiar with standard cart and container weight limits prescribed herein.

- b. In practice, for an overweight container charge, the assessment generally arises where the solid waste collector requires assistance.

H. No credit given for extra/additional charge(s) if there is a picture on file as backup evidence of the charge(s).

Section 2: That SMC section 13.02.0504 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0504 Commercial Service Rates – Dumpsters

Rates are stated for monthly billing with once weekly collection for non-compacted solid waste.

- A. Dumpster service is provided through front-end or rear-load dumpsters. In addition to a flat container placement charge, the monthly service charge is based on the size of dumpster multiplied by the number of weekly pickups multiplied by the number of dumpsters.

Commercial Service Rates	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Dumpster service		
1 cubic yard	((\$124.63))	((\$133.36)) <u>\$134.03</u>
2 cubic yard	((\$249.25))	((\$266.69)) <u>\$268.02</u>
3 cubic yard	((\$373.90))	((\$400.07)) <u>\$402.07</u>
4 cubic yard	((\$498.53))	((\$533.43)) <u>\$536.10</u>
6 cubic yard	((\$747.78))	((\$800.12)) <u>\$804.12</u>
Dumpster lockbar for front-load dumpsters installation fee	((\$125.32))	((\$134.09)) <u>\$134.76</u>

Section 3: That SMC section 13.02.0506 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0506 Commercial Service Rates – Rolloffs

- A. Rolloff service is provided through twenty- or thirty-cubic-yard containers furnished by the department.
- B. In addition to the flat container placement charge, rolloff rates are computed as the sum of a pickup hauling fee plus a disposal fee computed by weight at the time of disposal.

Pickup Hauling Fee	((2025))	2026
Loose solid waste	((\$177.59))	((\$190.02)) <u>\$190.97</u>
Compacted solid waste	((\$240.13))	((\$244.84)) <u>\$246.06</u>

- C. Minimum charge is one haul every 30 days whether container is hauled or not unless the director determines weekly service is necessary because of inclusion of putrescible materials.

Section 4: That SMC section 13.02.0508 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0508 Commercial Container Service, Placement

- A. For all commercial capacity containers, the following rules apply:
- To avoid container damage, location changes are to be made by the department.
 - Where customer needs require the container be moved, an additional container placement charge is assessed at the following rates:

((2025))	2026
((\$37.61))	((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>

3. A delivery charge accrues for cancellation of a container delivery request on less than twenty-four hours' notice.
- B. An additional service call charge is assessed if the collection vehicle must return to dump a container that had been scheduled and not dumped for any reason not of the department's responsibility.
1. If the collection vehicle is required to move/pull out a front-load (one- to six-cubic-yard) container for the dump, a "pullout" fee is charged in addition to the disposal/dump charge at the following rates:

((2025))	2026
((\$37.64))	((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>

2. Accepting delivery of the dumpsters includes acceptance of these additional charges where the department determines necessary.
- C. If the driver must exit the truck to open an enclosure gate, a fee may be assessed at the following rates:

((2025))	2026
((\$19.58))	((\$20.95)) <u>\$21.05</u>

- D. Once a container is placed, billing continues until the container is removed from the property by the department.

Section 5: That SMC section 13.02.0510 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0510 Commercial Service Rates – Compactors

Rates are stated for monthly billing with once weekly collection for compacted solid waste.

- A. Where the customer supplies the compactor unit for disposal, the charge is per cubic yard of a container, provided that where the director determines an account should not be billed by cubic yard (e.g., as with rolloff boxes), an account will be billed for services in accord with the otherwise applicable rate schedule; e.g., the applicable tipping fee rate. Compactors with putrescible materials, as determined by the director, must be emptied weekly. The monthly service charge is based on the size of the compactor multiplied by the number of weekly pickups multiplied by the number of compactors.

Commercial Compactors	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Compactor service		
1 cubic yard	((\$240.85))	((\$257.71)) <u>\$259.00</u>
2 cubic yard	((\$481.71))	((\$515.43)) <u>\$518.01</u>
3 cubic yard	((\$722.55))	((\$773.13)) <u>\$777.00</u>
4 cubic yard	((\$963.41))	((\$1,030.85)) <u>\$1,036.00</u>
5 cubic yard	((\$1,204.25))	((\$1,288.55)) <u>\$1,294.99</u>
6 cubic yard	((\$1,445.09))	((\$1,546.24)) <u>\$1,553.97</u>

- B. Preparation of a compaction unit in order to ready it for dumping is the responsibility of the customer. This includes any lines, latches, and handles, and wheeling it into position for dumping by City equipment.
1. A fee is assessed if any part of the container preparation is done by City personnel at the following rate:

((2025))	2026
((\$37.64))	((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>

- C. Compacted waste is charged according to the time consumed and volume when placed in a customer-owned container. All other compacted solid waste, bales, etc., may be charged by volume, weight, or time to load at the department's discretion.

Special Compactor Services Requiring Extra Loading Time	((2025))	2026
Minimum charge	(((\$12.55))	(((\$13.43)) <u>\$13.50</u>
Per estimated 10 minute interval	(((\$12.55))	(((\$13.43)) <u>\$13.50</u>

Section 6: That SMC section 13.02.0512 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0512 Return Trip Charges

- A. A return trip charge accrues where a collection vehicle (general solid waste or recycling) passes a premises and must return to collect materials for any reason except department fault or error. Reasons include failure to:
1. have container properly prepared for pickup,
 2. have container at the required container pickup location,
 3. have container at the required location at the required time, or
 4. remove obstacles to department vehicle access
 5. Return trips for late put out/missed driver are allowed for biweekly recycling if the customer has made the request by the close of business the day following collection; Requests after that day will wait for the next biweekly collection.

Return Trip Charges (Per Stop)	((2025))	2026
Automated Cart	(((\$18.26))	(((\$19.54)) <u>\$19.64</u>
Commercial container dumpster/recycling dumpster	(((\$37.64))	(((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>
Commercial container rolloff	(((\$37.64))	(((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>
Move cart for access	(((\$9.34))	(((\$9.96)) <u>\$10.01</u>

- B. A return trip or service call charge is also assessed for customer-requested container deliveries, container retrievals or trips resulting from a customer's special handling needs, as determined by the City.
- C. Return trip charges are in addition to service call charges. Where collection does not occur for any reason not the fault or error of the department, the regular collection charges accrue to the premises. This does not include the tonnage or weight charge added to rollofs.
- D. No credit given for return trips if there is a picture on file as backup evidence of the charge(s).

Section 7: That SMC section 13.02.0514 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0514 Additional Charges for Commercial Containers

- A. Debris extending above the top of the container will be charged per cubic yard. Minimum fee is for one cubic yard.:

((2025))	2026
(((\$41.14))	(((\$43.99)) <u>\$44.21</u>

- B. On-site labor charge (where collection crew is delayed by site conditions and/or must supply additional site clean-up labor or other services, e.g. where container contents are spilled due to overfill, loose lid, or other conditions, or where access is blocked by debris):

On-site Labor Charge	((2025))	2026
Minimum charge	(((\$37.64))	(((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>
Per estimated 15-minute interval	(((\$37.64))	(((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>

- C. When City personnel are required to adjust the materials on an overloaded container, a labor or preparation fee is assessed based upon time needed.

- D. Special dumpster requests resulting in overtime to the department (i.e. weekends, after hours, etc) are not guaranteed and based on staff availability. Overtime, including minimum pay requirements, are based on bargaining unit agreements. Overtime is in addition to regular service charges.
- E. No credit given for additional charge(s) if there is a picture on file as backup evidence of the charge(s).

Section 8: That SMC section 13.02.0518 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0518 Container Cleaning, Pressure Wash, Refurbishment Charge

A. Pressure Washing.

General container cleaning service may be provided on a time and materials basis whenever requested or ordered by the department. Charges may increase or decrease based on current costs and contracts. Pressure Washing may not be adequate to remove all materials. The following charges apply to container cleaning and pressure washing:

Container Cleaning and Pressure Washing Charge	((2025))	2026
Front-Load & Rear-Load Dumpsters – per hour - (one hour minimum)	((\$80.24))	((\$85.86)) <u>\$86.29</u>
Rolloff – per hour - (one hour minimum)	((\$111.50))	((\$119.31)) <u>\$119.91</u>
30 gallon automated cart	((\$15.64))	((\$16.74)) <u>\$16.82</u>
60 gallon automated cart	((\$23.51))	((\$25.15)) <u>\$25.28</u>
90 gallon automated cart	((\$31.33))	((\$33.52)) <u>\$33.69</u>

Customer will receive a clean, but no guarantee of new, cart when starting, changing service or paying for “cleaned” cart.

Cleaning/pressure washing will be changed an hour minimum for dumpsters and roll offs.

B. Refurbishment.

When a customer discontinues service or a container otherwise needs repairs or restoration of a container because of either customer request or departmental order, the department assesses a refurbishment fee. The department may use an independent contractor or assess a time and materials fee. Charges may increase or decrease based on current costs and contracts. Refurbishment charges, subject to change, are:

Refurbishment Charges	((2025))	2026
Cleaning & Prep – per hour	((\$47.08))	((\$50.38)) <u>\$50.63</u>
Sandblasting – per hour	((\$104.75))	((\$112.09)) <u>\$112.65</u>
Repair and Welding – per hour	((\$100.04))	((\$107.05)) <u>\$107.59</u>
Paint – per hour	((\$104.75))	((\$112.09)) <u>\$112.65</u>
Decaling and Striping – per hour	((\$58.85))	((\$62.97)) <u>\$63.28</u>
Front Load & Rear Load Dumpster hauling to and from refurbishment facility – per hour	((\$58.85))	((\$62.97)) <u>\$63.28</u>
Rolloff hauling for refurbishment facility (round trip)	((\$177.59))	((\$190.02)) <u>\$190.97</u>

The department's cost for materials (steel, lids, winch handles, etc.) including any mark up and sales tax, used to repair or refurbish containers either by the city or an independent contractor, will be charge back to the customer, in addition to the charges listed in the table above in SMC 13.02.0518, Section B.

Section 9: That SMC section 13.02.0520 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0520 Temporary Account

- A. Some premises needs may increase or arise on a temporary basis, such as construction, remodeling, demolition, or other short-term events.
- Customer requests for temporary accounts may not exceed one hundred eighty days continuously within any calendar year period. After that time, any temporary container may be removed from the premises after notice or attempt to notify the customer or owner by the department.

- B. Use of a temporary container does not displace regular solid waste service for ongoing premises needs, which must continue to be accepted. Regular solid waste generated by premises is not permitted in temporary containers. Where the director determines premises needs exceed one hundred eighty days, or it appears there may be putrescible materials accumulating, regular mandatory weekly service provisions apply.

Temporary Account	((2025))	2026
Delivery charge	(((\$37.61))	(((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>
Dumpster service for (3-6 cubic yard containers) Flat Daily Charge (Rental Fee)	(((\$3.04))	(((\$3.22)) <u>\$3.24</u>
Dump Fee 3 Cubic Yard Containers	(((\$128.84))	(((\$137.82)) <u>\$138.51</u>
Dump Fee 6 Cubic Yard Containers	(((\$257.63))	(((\$275.67)) <u>\$277.05</u>
Rolloff Service – Flat daily charge (Rental Fee)	(((\$5.98))	(((\$6.40)) <u>\$6.43</u>
Rolloff Service – Load haul fee (Per load)	(((\$177.59))	(((\$190.02)) <u>\$190.97</u>

Weight fee for Rolloff Service: As provided in SMC 13.02.0560.

- C. Rental fee does not include Washington State sales tax.
- D. Containers must be hauled every 30 days. Customer is responsible to make sure this requirement is met.
- E. Customers are charged for collection haul every 30 days whether container is hauled or not.

Section 10: That SMC section 13.02.0528 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0528 Rates for Equipment and Labor – Packer and Nonpacker

- A. Department vehicle and labor service is supplied with two kinds of vehicles: Single-axle nonpacker trucks and tandem-axle packer trucks.
1. Disposal fees are charged in addition to equipment and labor charges.
 2. Regular garbage collection vehicles are also called “packer” trucks because they operate with a compaction mechanism that pushes or packs in waste. For some disposal needs, such as odd-shaped debris or materials, regular open bed trucks are more suitable. These vehicles are called “nonpacker” trucks.
 3. Department packer trucks are all larger tandem-axle design. Department nonpacker trucks are all smaller single-axle design.
 4. Distinguished from this service is rolloff service, where a rolloff box is loaded by the customer, rather than with department labor. (See SMC 13.02.0506)
- B. Rates.
- Rates in this section are stated based on fifteen-minute increments. The minimum charge is fifteen minutes.

Packer and Nonpacker Trucks	((2025))	2026
Nonpacker, single-axle, truck, and driver	(((\$33.66))	(((\$36.02)) <u>\$36.20</u>
Each extra person	(((\$28.03))	(((\$30.00)) <u>\$30.15</u>
Tandem-axle truck, driver, and loader	(((\$46.77))	(((\$50.04)) <u>\$50.29</u>

- C. In addition to the labor and equipment charges, there is added to subsection (B) of this section a charge for waste disposal, as shown in SMC 13.02.0560, except that the minimum charge for waste disposal shall be equal to one-quarter of the applicable tonnage fee.
- D. Overtime Periods.
- When a customer requests service on holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays, or other overtime periods, an additional charge equal to the total labor paid plus the normal hauling fee shall apply.

Section 11: That SMC section 13.02.0552 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0552 Recycling Rates – Nonresidential – Residential Premises with Multi-unit Dwellings Premises – Additional

- A. The following rates apply to premises with multi-unit dwellings where the director determines larger volume containers are needed. In addition to the residential recycling program, customers not otherwise participating may

request recycling service of any and all materials accepted in the curbside program under the following rates. (See SMC 13.02.0122(B))

- B. Collection of single-stream recyclables is available weekly (with the exception of carts) at the following monthly rates:

Nonresidential & Multi-unit Dwellings	Monthly Amount	
	((2025))	2026
Collection of single-stream recyclables		
((32)) 30, ((64)) 60, & ((95)) 90 gallon cart (bi-weekly service)	((21.04))	((22.51)) <u>\$22.62</u>
One cubic yard dumpster	((43.86))	((46.93)) <u>\$47.16</u>
Two cubic yard dumpster	((67.34))	((72.03)) <u>\$72.39</u>
Three cubic yard dumpster	((100.97))	((108.03)) <u>\$108.57</u>
Four cubic yard dumpster	((134.60))	((144.02)) <u>\$144.74</u>
Six cubic yard dumpster	((201.92))	((216.05)) <u>\$217.13</u>
Loose Yardage		
One yard	((59.53))	((63.70)) <u>\$64.02</u>
Two yards	((82.96))	((88.76)) <u>\$89.20</u>
Three yards	((116.61))	((124.77)) <u>\$125.39</u>
Four yards	((150.26))	((160.78)) <u>\$161.58</u>
Six yards	((217.58))	((232.82)) <u>\$233.98</u>

- C. Rollout rates, including packouts for recycling carts, are available at the same increment and percentage of increase as the general mixed solid waste rate (one-half of standard sixty gallon refuse rate for each fifty feet for items not within six feet of semi-automated pickup location or two feet of automated pickup location).
- D. Load Truck Loose Yardage Recyclables – Collection Rates/Hour (hand-loaded). Rates in this section are stated based on fifteen-minute increments. The minimum charge is thirty minutes.

Load Truck Loose Yardage Re-recyclables	((2025))	2026
Single-axle truck and driver	((32.52))	((34.79)) <u>\$34.96</u>
Tandem-axle truck driver	((45.22))	((48.38)) <u>\$48.62</u>

- E. The department retains any proceeds from sale of recyclables.
- F. Loads including non-recyclable solid waste are charged as a regular solid waste load, in addition to return trip charges applicable. If recycling is rejected at processor and needs to be hauled elsewhere, an additional fee applies for the partial second haul. The rate will be charged at 50% of a regular haul fee.
- G. The director of solid waste management reserves the right to deny service to any generator that does not meet a minimum standard of recyclable quality as determined by the director's evaluation.

Section 12: That SMC section 13.02.0554 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0554 Clean Green Yard Waste Collection

- A. Any customer may apply to the department for collection of "clean green" yard waste. Participation is voluntary.
- To be accepted as "clean green" yard waste, material must consist of grass, leaves, pine needles, pine cones, thatch, vines, weeds, and branches, or other such fresh yard waste type material, not putrefied. Food scraps and compostable paper products, such as uncoated paper plates and pizza delivery boxes, are acceptable.
 - Woody material must be no more than three inches in diameter and not extend outside the approved collection container.

3. Material may be bundled with rope or string next to the container not to exceed four feet in length.
 4. Total gross cart weight may not exceed two hundred fifty pounds.
- B. In addition to subsection (A) of this section, customers are cautioned that “clean green” yard material may not contain any of the following:
1. Sod (beyond small amounts).
 2. Rocks.
 3. Dirt.
 4. Gravel.
 5. Concrete.
 6. Glass.
 7. Metal.
 8. Plastic.
 9. Treated wood/bark.
 10. Animal feces.
 11. Paint residue.
 12. Christmas or holiday decorations.
 13. Non-compostable paper products.
 14. Flocking.
 15. Dimensional lumber.
 16. Stumps/roots.
 17. Charcoal/Ash

A load is further not considered clean green if it emanates a strong odor, detectable by an ordinary person at a distance of thirty feet. Loads submitted not acceptable as clean green will be left by clean green collection crews and must be handled as a category solid waste. The rate shall be as for a ninety gallon automated style container, as set in SMC 13.02.0502.

- C. The collection day for clean green yard waste shall be on the same day as the customer's regular solid waste collection. Service is weekly during the months of March through November; service is one week each month during December, January and February. The one week per month collection is generally the first full week of the month but subject to change. Service is provided only in ninety gallon carts supplied by the department.
- D. The service is billed and payable monthly, as follows:

Clean Green Yard Waste Collection	((2025))	2026
Monthly	(((\$18.01))	(((\$19.27)) <u>\$19.37</u>
Extra Dump	(((\$5.55))	(((\$5.94)) <u>\$5.97</u>

Clean green yard waste carts that are out in the designated collection area during December, January, and February on non-collection weeks are assumed to be out for collection and will be charged an extra dump.

- E. Yard waste cart packout charged at same rate as refuse (one half of standard sixty gallon refuse rate for each fifty feet for items not within six feet of semi-automated pickup location or two feet of automated pickup location).
- F. There is no container delivery charge for the first delivery to a given customer. Thereafter, the redelivery charge is the same amount as the container pickup fee as listed below.
1. The container pickup fee is:

((2025))	2026
(((\$37.64))	(((\$40.24)) <u>\$40.44</u>

if requested within twelve months of the initial delivery.

- G. The minimum length of time that a customer may request a clean green yard waste cart for is three months. If customer cancels service within the first three months, they will be subject to a charge equal to three months of service total and the container pickup fee as described in this subsection (F).
- H. The customer is responsible for the cost of cart replacement in case of loss or damage.

Section 13: That SMC section 13.02.0560 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0560 General Mixed Solid Waste – Tonnage Fee

A. For solid waste delivered to the Waste-to-Energy Facility (WTE), the charge shall be:

	((2025))	2026
Per ton charge	(((\$141.90))	(((\$151.84)) <u>\$152.60</u>
Minimum charge per vehicle	(((\$23.19))	(((\$24.81)) <u>\$24.93</u>

B. For solid waste delivered to the Northside Landfill, the charge shall be:

	((2025))	2026
Per ton charge	(((\$141.90))	(((\$151.84)) <u>\$152.60</u>
Minimum charge per vehicle	(((\$23.19))	(((\$24.81)) <u>\$24.93</u>

C. For solid waste delivered to the Waste to Energy Facility, which the director determines requires special handling, the charge shall be:

	((2025))	2026
Per ton charge	(((\$255.06))	(((\$272.94)) <u>\$274.27</u>
Minimum charge per vehicle	(((\$127.51))	(((\$136.44)) <u>\$137.12</u>

D. For solid waste delivered to any of the above facilities, from nonprofit generator accounts, the applicable per ton charge above listed in subsection A, B or C shall be reduced by thirty-five percent. The minimum charge per vehicle is:

((2025))	2026
(((\$23.19))	(((\$24.81)) <u>\$24.93</u>

1. The generator shall identify itself as a section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code approved nonprofit enterprise or provide similar proof of qualification to the department.
2. The waste shall be the product of the nonprofit business activities, which include waste reduction or recycling as a major component of its operations.

Section 14: That SMC section 13.02.0561 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0561 Self Haul Transaction Fee

For all waste delivered to the Waste-to-Energy Facility or Northside Landfill, there shall be charged a self-haul transaction Fee per vehicle per load:

((2025))	2026
(((\$2.49))	(((\$2.67)) <u>\$2.68</u>

Section 15: That SMC section 13.02.0562 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0562 Compost

A. Compost Consisting of Clean Green Yard Waste, Self-hauled.

For clean green yard waste, delivered to the Waste-to-Energy Facility there shall be a charge of:

	((2025))	2026
Per ton charge (then prorated by weight thereafter)	(((\$71.56))	(((\$76.57)) <u>\$76.95</u>
Minimum charge per vehicle	(((\$7.62))	(((\$8.15)) <u>\$8.19</u>

These rates do not apply to dirt, debris, or other materials from large-scale landscaping, land clearing.

Section 16: That SMC section 13.02.0563 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0563 Waste Tires

Waste Tires are tires no longer suitable for their original intended purpose because of wear, damage, or defect.

A. For waste tires, delivered to the Waste-to-Energy Facility, there shall be a charge of:

	((2025))	2026
Per ton charge (then prorated by weight thereafter)	(((\$184.93))	(((\$197.87)) <u>\$198.86</u>
Minimum charge per vehicle	(((\$27.69))	(((\$29.63)) <u>\$29.78</u>

B. Dedicated loads of waste tires will be accepted by appointment only.

C. Acceptance of waste tires is subject to change without notice. The City of Spokane may modify, restrict, or cancel the acceptance of waste tires in accord with policy or market conditions.

Section 17: That SMC section 13.02.0568 is amended to read as follows:

13.02.0568 Estimates Allowed

A. Where scales are temporarily disabled or not in use, commercial vehicles are assessed a full vehicle load fee based upon comparable weights.

- Private noncommercial citizen vehicles are assessed a fee based upon the City's estimated cubic yards of the load at

((2025))	2026
(((\$37.76))	(((\$40.40)) <u>\$40.60</u>

Per cubic yard plus applicable state taxes.

- In addition, if a vehicle leaves without weighing out, it will be charged the full authorized loaded gross vehicle weight.
- B. Special service at a City disposal facility for disposal of unusual or nonstandard municipal solid waste, as determined by the City, or other special labor costs is at the rate of seventy-five dollars, plus applicable state taxes, per hour or fraction thereof, with a twenty-five dollar minimum charge.
- The special service fee shall be in addition to the assessed tipping fee based on weight.
- C. Where a customer loses his/her loop tag at the disposal site, the City's representative at the disposal site scales will estimate the charge for the customer's load and such estimation will bind the customer.
- The minimum charge will be for a one-ton load, or more if a larger load is estimated.
 - In addition, the customer may be required to pay a five dollar (\$5.00) lost card fee.

D. Use of scales for weighing only:

((2025))	2026
(((\$23.19))	(((\$24.81)) <u>\$24.93</u>

Section 18. Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the later of January 1, 2026 or the time set forth in Section 19 of the City Charter.

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ORDINANCE NO. C36814

AN ORDINANCE relating to Utilities, Franchise Taxes; amending section 08.10.030(A)(3), (4) and (7) to chapter 08.10 of the Spokane Municipal Code; and setting an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Utility Tax rate for water, wastewater and solid waste services shall be temporarily increased in the amount of One-Half of one percent (1/2%), beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, after which time said rates will revert back One-Half of one percent (1/2 %), beginning January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2027, the temporary increase of One-Half (1/2) percent shall terminate without further action by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2027, the City's Utility Tax for water, sewer and solid waste services shall revert to a total utility tax rate of twenty-one (21%) percent;

NOW, THEREFORE,

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1: That SMC section 08.10.030 is amended to read as follows:

08.10.030 Business Activities Subject to Tax – Amounts – Effective 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026

- A. There is levied upon and shall be collected from all persons engaging in the following utility business activities a utility gross receipts tax or license fee measured by multiplying the rate specified times the gross income as follows:
1. Selling, wheeling, or furnishing electric light or power: Six percent of gross income.
 2. Selling, brokering, or furnishing natural or manufactured gas for hire: Six percent of gross income.
 3. Providing solid waste collection service: ~~((Twenty-One))~~ Twenty-One and one-half percent of gross income.
 4. Operating a public wastewater collection and treatment system: ~~((Twenty-One))~~ Twenty-One and one-half percent of gross income.
 5. Providing telegraph service: Three and one-half percent of gross income.
 6. Engaging in the telephone business: Six percent.
 - a. This percentage is taken of gross revenues derived from engaging in the telephone business in the City of Spokane, including one hundred percent of the total gross revenues derived from intrastate toll telephone services so long as the tax is not imposed on that portion of network telephone service, as defined in RCW 82.04.065, which represents charges to another telecommunications company, as defined in RCW 80.04.010, for connecting fees, switching charges or carrier access charges relating to intrastate toll telephone service, or for access to, or charges for interstate services, or charges for network telephone service that is purchased for the purpose of resale.
 - b. With respect to any rate affecting cellular taxation, subject also to RCW 35.21.870, no change in the tax rate affects business activities occurring before the effective date of the change, and no change will take effect sooner than sixty days following enactment of any amendatory ordinance.
 - c. In the case of cellular telephone service, when the service is provided to a customer roaming outside his normal use cellular network area, gross income for taxation purposes is determined consistent with the taxpayer's accounting system to the location of the originating cell site of the call, or to the location of the main cellular switching office that switched the call.
 - d. In the case of cellular telephone service, payments by a customer for the telephone service for telephones without a fixed location shall be allocated among taxing jurisdictions to the location of the customer's principal service address for the period during which the tax applies. There is a presumption that the service address a customer supplies to the taxpayer is accurate and current, unless the taxpayer has knowledge or reason to know the contrary.

- e. If there is a dispute between the City of Spokane and another Washington city imposing a municipal telephone utility tax on cellular service of the same nature as imposed by this chapter, which dispute is limited only to the question of the correct allocation of municipal telephone taxes as between the City of Spokane and some other Washington city, the taxpayer may obtain exoneration from further tax liability, interest, and penalties due and owing to the City of Spokane with respect to the transactions under dispute by tendering the total amount of tax claimed due by the City of Spokane into an escrow account with the City treasurer or as established hereafter by appropriate interlocal agreements under the administrative sponsorship of the Association of Washington Cities. Under these arrangements, the taxpayer remains responsible to adjust its billing records promptly upon notification under procedures sanctioned through the Association of Washington Cities of the resolution of any dispute encompassed within the terms of this paragraph.
 - 7. Selling or furnishing water for hire: ~~((Twenty-One))~~ Twenty-One and one-half percent of gross income.
 - 8. Providing cable, telecommunications, or similar type service to the public, which involves the use of the right-of-way for the installation of wires, cables, fixtures, or other equipment, where not otherwise addressed in this section or prohibited by law: Six percent of gross income.
- B. Subsections (A)(3), (A)(4), and (A)(7) of this section include, so far as permitted by law, the City of Spokane, and the fee or tax imposed applies to the specified business of the entire City service area, except that subsection (A)(3) of this section does not apply to operations or functions undertaken by the City occurring outside the City of Spokane and undertaken by the City as manager of a joint project pursuant to interlocal cooperation agreement.
- C. The taxes imposed in subsections A (1), (2), (3), (5), (6), and (8) do not apply to amounts derived from utility business activities otherwise taxable arising from providing service to customers at locations operated or managed by an airport board pursuant to interlocal agreement arising under the authority of chapter 14.08 RCW, where such locations have been annexed to the City, said annexation taking effect on or after January 1, 2012; provided further, this exclusion does not apply to revenues derived from customers operating municipal solid waste disposal facilities or revenues otherwise taxable from municipal solid waste disposal facility operations.
- D. The increased taxes imposed in sections (A)(3), (A)(4), and (A)(7) of this section are temporary increases from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, after which said increases in section (A)(3), (A)(4), and (A)(7) of this section shall revert to a total tax of twenty-one (21%) percent, effective January 1, 2027.

Section 2: That effective January 1, 2027, SMC section 8.10.030 is amended to read as follows:

08.10.030 Business Activities Subject to Tax – Amounts – Effective 1/1/2027

- A. There is levied upon and shall be collected from all persons engaging in the following utility business activities a utility gross receipts tax or license fee measured by multiplying the rate specified times the gross income as follows:
- 1. Selling, wheeling, or furnishing electric light or power: Six percent of gross income.
 - 2. Selling, brokering, or furnishing natural or manufactured gas for hire: Six percent of gross income.
 - 3. Providing solid waste collection service: ~~((Twenty-One and one-half))~~ Twenty-One percent of gross income.
 - 4. Operating a public wastewater collection and treatment system: ~~((Twenty-One and one-half))~~ Twenty-One percent of gross income.
 - 5. Providing telegraph service: Three and one-half percent of gross income.
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 - e. In the case of cellular telephone service, payments by a customer for the telephone service for telephones without a fixed location shall be allocated among taxing jurisdictions to the location of the customer's principal service address for the period during which the tax applies. There is a presumption that the service address a customer supplies to the taxpayer is accurate and current, unless the taxpayer has knowledge or reason to know the contrary.
 - f. If there is a dispute between the City of Spokane and another Washington city imposing a municipal telephone utility tax on cellular service of the same nature as imposed by this chapter, which dispute is

limited only to the question of the correct allocation of municipal telephone taxes as between the City of Spokane and some other Washington city, the taxpayer may obtain exoneration from further tax liability, interest, and penalties due and owing to the City of Spokane with respect to the transactions under dispute by tendering the total amount of tax claimed due by the City of Spokane into an escrow account with the City treasurer or as established hereafter by appropriate interlocal agreements under the administrative sponsorship of the Association of Washington Cities. Under these arrangements, the taxpayer remains responsible to adjust its billing records promptly upon notification under procedures sanctioned through the Association of Washington Cities of the resolution of any dispute encompassed within the terms of this paragraph.

8. Selling or furnishing water for hire: ~~((Twenty One and one-half))~~ Twenty-One percent of gross income.
 9. Providing cable, telecommunications, or similar type service to the public, which involves the use of the right-of-way for the installation of wires, cables, fixtures, or other equipment, where not otherwise addressed in this section or prohibited by law: Six percent of gross income.
- B. Subsections (A)(3), (A)(4), and (A)(7) of this section include, so far as permitted by law, the City of Spokane, and the fee or tax imposed applies to the specified business of the entire City service area, except that subsection (A)(3) of this section does not apply to operations or functions undertaken by the City occurring outside the City of Spokane and undertaken by the City as manager of a joint project pursuant to interlocal cooperation agreement.
- C. The taxes imposed in subsections A (1), (2), (3), (5), (6), and (8) do not apply to amounts derived from utility business activities otherwise taxable arising from providing service to customers at locations operated or managed by an airport board pursuant to interlocal agreement arising under the authority of chapter 14.08 RCW, where such locations have been annexed to the City, said annexation taking effect on or after January 1, 2012; provided further, this exclusion does not apply to revenues derived from customers operating municipal solid waste disposal facilities or revenues otherwise taxable from municipal solid waste disposal facility operations.
- ~~((D. The increased taxes imposed in sections (A)(3), (A)(4), and (A)(7) of this section are temporary increases from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, after which said increases in section (A)(3), (A)(4), and (A)(7) of this section shall revert to a total tax of twenty one (21%) percent, effective January 1, 2027.))~~

Section 3: Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the later of January 1, 2026 or the time set forth in Section 19 of the City Charter.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025
Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. C36815

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual rates for water-wastewater public utilities and services, amending chapter 13.035 of the Spokane Municipal Code; and setting an effective date.

WHEREAS, City is updating and amending SMC sections 13.035.500, to chapter 13.035 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1: That SMC section 13.035.500 is amended to read as follows:

13.035.500 Water-Wastewater Capital Rates

- A. In addition to user charges (basic charges and consumption charges) for providing utility services to customers, all accounts are assessed a water-wastewater capital management fund charge which shall be placed in a separate fund, reserved for purposes of contribution to water-wastewater capital infrastructure.
- B. The following rates shall apply to the water-wastewater capital management fund charge and shall be separately itemized on the utility bill:

Water-wastewater Capital Rates – per month		
	((2025))	2026
Domestic user (Per single-family residence or equivalent residential unit):		
Domestic user – In City	((\$34.43))	((\$36.12)) <u>\$36.30</u>
Domestic user – Outside City	((\$39.46))	((\$41.39)) <u>\$41.60</u>

Commercial User:		
Commercial user – In City: Minimum commercial user charge (includes first forty eight units)	((\$35.43))	((\$37.16)) <u>\$37.35</u>
Commercial user – In City: Water-wastewater consumption charge (over forty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.7431))	((\$0.7795)) <u>\$0.7834</u>
Commercial user – Outside City: Minimum commercial user charge (includes first twenty eight units)	((\$40.60))	((\$42.58)) <u>\$42.79</u>
Commercial user – Outside City: Water-wastewater consumption charge (over twenty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$1.4858))	((\$1.5586)) <u>\$1.5664</u>
Other services:		
PDA - Domestic User	((\$34.43))	((\$36.12)) <u>\$36.30</u>
PDA - Commercial user Minimum commercial user charge (includes first forty eight units)	((\$35.43))	((\$37.16)) <u>\$37.35</u>
PDA - Commercial user Water-wastewater consumption charge (over forty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.7431))	((\$0.7795)) <u>\$0.7834</u>
PDA Water only Domestic User -Capital Charge	((\$13.78))	((\$14.46)) <u>\$14.53</u>
PDA Water only Commercial User Minimum commercial user charge (includes first forty eight units)	((\$14.18))	((\$14.87)) <u>\$14.94</u>
PDA Water Only Commercial User Capital consumption charge (over forty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.2974))	((\$0.3117)) <u>\$0.3133</u>
PDA Wastewater only Domestic User– Capital Charge	((\$21.25))	((\$22.29)) <u>\$22.40</u>
PDA Wastewater only Commercial User – minimum commercial user charge (includes first forty-eight units)	((\$21.25))	((\$22.29)) <u>\$22.40</u>
PDA Wastewater only Commercial User Capital consumption charge (over forty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.4459))	((\$0.4677)) <u>\$0.4700</u>
Service outside City utility service area (per hundred cubic feet). This rate shall apply unless modified by separate agreement	((\$1.4858))	((\$1.5586)) <u>\$1.5664</u>
Non-domestic process water-wastewater capital rate (per thousand gallons)	((\$50.93))	((\$53.43)) <u>\$53.70</u>
Septage charge (per thousand gallons)	((\$50.93))	((\$53.42)) <u>\$53.69</u>
Water Service Only Domestic User- Capital Charge – In City	((\$13.78))	((\$14.46)) <u>\$14.53</u>
Water Service Only Domestic User- Capital Charge – Outside City	((\$15.79))	((\$16.56)) <u>\$16.64</u>
Water Service Only Commercial User – Minimum Capital Charge – In City (includes first forty eight units)	((\$14.18))	((\$14.87)) <u>\$14.94</u>
Water Service Only Commercial User – In City -capital consumption charge (over forty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.2974))	((\$0.3117)) <u>\$0.3133</u>
Water Service Only Commercial User – Minimum Capital Charge – Outside City (includes first twenty eight units)	((\$16.24))	((\$17.04)) <u>\$17.13</u>
Water Service Only Commercial User – Outside City – capital consumption charge (over twenty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.5944))	((\$0.6235)) <u>\$0.6266</u>
Water Service Only - Other Purveyors - Continuous Supplemental Water User – Outside City – capital consumption charge (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.4182))	((\$0.4388)) <u>\$0.4410</u>
Wastewater Service Only Domestic User – Capital Charge – In City	((\$21.25))	((\$22.29)) <u>\$22.40</u>
Wastewater Service Only Domestic User – Capital Charge – Outside City	((\$24.35))	((\$25.55)) <u>\$25.68</u>
Wastewater Service Only – Commercial User – Minimum Capital Charge – In City (includes first forty eight units)	((\$21.25))	((\$22.29)) <u>\$22.40</u>
Wastewater Service Only Commercial User – In City – capital consumption charge (over forty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.4459))	((\$0.4677)) <u>\$0.4700</u>
Wastewater Service Only Commercial User – Minimum Capital Charge – Outside City (includes first twenty eight units)	((\$24.35))	((\$25.55)) <u>\$25.68</u>
Wastewater Service Only Commercial User – Outside City – capital consumption charge (over twenty eight units) (per hundred cubic feet)	((\$0.8913))	((\$0.9350)) <u>\$0.9397</u>

Section 2. Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the later of January 1, 2026 or the time set forth in Section 19 of the City Charter.

Passed by City Council November 24, 2025

Delivered to Mayor November 26, 2025

Policies & Procedures

CITY OF SPOKANE
WATER AND HYDROELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC RULE AND PROCEDURE

RULE 4100-25-02
LGL 2025-0024
RES 2025-0094

TITLE: WATER AND HYDROELECTRIC DEPARTMENT – UPDATE FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 1, 2020

REVISION DATE: June 1, 2022; January 1, 2024; January 1, 2025, January 1, 2026

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 The City of Spokane Water and Hydroelectric Department established the following public rule, policy, procedures, and fee schedule.

The Public Rule relates to the charges of fees and costs for various services related to the Water and Hydroelectric Department from the City of Spokane.

The administrative fees and costs schedule can be found onsite at Water and Hydroelectric Department located at: 914 East North Foothills Drive, Spokane, Washington 99207.

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2.0 DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS AFFECTED

This public rule and policy shall apply to the City of Spokane Water and Hydroelectric Department, the City of Spokane Utilities Billing Department, and the City of Spokane Accounting Department.

3.0 REFERENCES

- Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 13.04
- Chapter 246-290 WAC – Group A Public Water Systems
- Chapter 246-293 WAC – Water System Coordination Act
- Chapter 70A.120 RCW – Public Water Supply System
- City of Spokane Public Rule 4100-20-01, Water Hydrant Usage Policy and Fees dated June 25, 2020.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 See SMC 13.04.0816 & Chapter 13.04 SMC

5.0 POLICY

5.1 It is the policy of the City of Spokane to adopt fees for reimbursement of costs for administering the City's Water and Hydroelectric Department programs in compliance with Department of Health regulations.

5.2 The City anticipates annual review and updates to all fees for reimbursement. However, in the event an annual update is not needed, all fees set out in the latest Appendix A shall remain in full effect until modified or amended via the Public Rule process.

6.0 PROCEDURE

6.1 The Water & Hydroelectric Department fees and costs for various services related to the Water and Hydroelectric programs and services of the City of Spokane.

6.2 These fees and costs are intended to cover the costs of administration of the Water and Hydroelectric Department, including but not limited to, costs associated with permits, tap and meter connections, monitoring, inspections, sampling, analysis, publication, processing, and violation remediation.

6.3 Current Fees and Charges:

- 6.3.1 Meter Fees and Tap Fees are charged as stated in Appendix A, attached.
- 6.3.2 Return Inspection Fees and Reschedule Fees are charged based on actual charges for the number of hours spent and level of work performed.
- 6.3.3 Administrative Appeal: Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- 6.3.4 Publication of significant non-compliance notice: Costs are billed, and payable in advance.
- 6.3.5 Monitoring, inspection, surveillance, sampling fees: Costs are determined and billed by the Director.
- 6.3.6 Processing fee for NSF checks: As set by City Treasurer.
- 6.3.7 Administrative Penalty: Five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
- 6.3.8 Any other review or approval by the Director not otherwise specified above: Hourly basis based on staff time.

7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Water and Hydroelectric Department through the City's Utilities Billing Department, and Accounting Department shall administer this Public Rule and Policy. Unpaid charges, fines, and penalties shall, after thirty calendar days (30), be assessed an additional penalty of one percent (1.00%) of the unpaid balance per month.

8.0 APPENDICES

8.1 Appendix A – Meter Fees and Tap Fees for 2026

APPENDIX A

~~((2025))~~ 2026 METER FEES & TAP FEES*

METER FEES	FEE DOLLAR AMOUNT
Type: Hydrant Flow Test	(((\$1,124.19)) <u>\$1,307.02</u>
Type: After Hours Fee	(((\$1,334.63)) <u>\$1,631.54</u>
Type: Meter Test Fee	(((\$653.11)) <u>\$778.79</u>
((2" Fire Meter W/ DCDVA))	(((\$3,988.10))
Type: Utility Offset (based on 8")	(((\$3,186.21)) <u>\$3,360.65</u>
Type: 2" Fire Meter W/0 DCDVA	(((\$2,906.34)) <u>\$2,051.26</u>
((Type: 3" Meter - Domestic W/ DCVA))	(((\$8,870.90))
Type: 3" Meter - Domestic W/0 DCVA	(((\$7,522.59)) <u>\$6,438.17</u>
Type: 3" Domestic Only	<u>\$6,942.63</u>
((Type: 4" Meter - Domestic W/ DCVA))	(((\$10,367.13))
((Type: 4" Meter - Domestic W/0 DCVA))	(((\$10,033.06))
((Type: 6" Meter - Domestic W/ DCVA))	(((\$15,882.72))
((Type: 6" Meter - Domestic W/0 DCVA))	(((\$13,428.63))
Type: 6" Meter-Domestic Only	<u>\$10,915.29</u>
((Type: 3" Meter - Irrigation W/ DCVA))	(((\$7,803.85))

((Type: 3" Meter - Irrigation W/0 DCVA))	(((\$6,455.54))
((Type: 4" Meter - Irrigation W/ DCVA))	(((\$8,921.55))
((Type: 4" Meter - Irrigation W/0 DCVA))	(((\$7,803.18))
((Type: 6" Meter - Irrigation W/ DCVA))	(((\$13,131.79))
((Type: 6" Meter - Irrigation W/0 DCVA))	(((\$11,545.96))
((Type: 4" Meter - Domestic/Fire W/ DCVA))	(((\$10,027.96))
((Type: 4" Meter - Domestic/Fire W/0 DCVA))	(((\$8,371.29))
((Type: 6" Meter - Domestic/Fire W/ DCVA))	(((\$12,649.39))
((Type: 6" Meter - Domestic/Fire W/0 DCVA))	(((\$10,065.16))
((Type: 8" Meter - Domestic/Fire W/ DCVA))	(((\$23,185.35))
((Type: 8" Meter - Domestic/Fire W/0 DCVA))	(((\$19,723.58))
((Type: 10" Meter - Domestic/Fire W/ DCVA))	(((\$28,749.48))
((Type: 10" Meter - Domestic/Fire W/0 DCVA))	(((\$24,864.12))
((Type: 4" Meter - Fire W/ DCVA))	(((\$9,608.95))
((Type: 6" Meter - Fire W/ DCVA))	(((\$12,440.09))
((Type: 8" Meter - Fire W/ DCVA))	(((\$18,939.21))
((Type: 10" Meter - Fire W/ DCVA))	(((\$22,494.52))
Type: 4" Meter- Fire W/0 DCVA	(((\$7,641.79)) \$7,214.36
Type: 4" Domestic Only	\$8,044.51
Type: 6" Meter- Fire W/0 DCVA	(((\$9,304.04)) \$9,341.78
Type: 8" Meter-Fire W/0 DCVA	(((\$14,819.15)) \$12,584.69
Type: 8" Domestic Only	\$14,591.00
Type: 10" Meter - Fire W/0 DCVA	(((\$18,119.71)) \$18,232.10
Type: 10" Domestic Only	\$19,293.22
Type: 5/8" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In PVC Box	(((\$2,465.81)) \$2,604.06
Type: 5/8" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In Concrete Box	(((\$3,037.49)) \$3,052.39
Type: 5/8" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In Building or Vault	(((\$1,013.00)) \$1,108.29
((Type: 5/8" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In Vault))	(((\$1,036.25))
Type: 3/4" Meter- Domestic or Irrigation In PVC Box	(((\$2,523.61)) \$2,718.11
Type: 3/4" Meter- Domestic or Irrigation In Concrete Box	(((\$3,095.29)) \$3,370.26
Type: 3/4" Meter- Domestic or Irrigation In Building or Vault	(((\$1,070.80)) \$1,170.92
((Type: 3/4" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In Vault))	(((\$1,094.05))
Type: 1" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In PVC Box	(((\$2,561.92)) \$2,599.72
Type: 1" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In Concrete Box	(((\$3,181.89)) \$3,456.93
Type: 1" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In Building or Vault	(((\$1,363.49)) \$1,725.71
((Type: 1" Meter - Domestic or Irrigation In Vault))	(((\$1,498.33))
Type: 1 1/2" Meter - Irrigation	(((\$2,960.37)) \$3,412.58
Type: 1 1/2" Meter - Domestic	(((\$2,817.64)) \$3,259.22
Type: 2" Meter- Irrigation	(((\$2,994.52)) \$3,405.41
Type: 2" Meter - Domestic	(((\$2,982.49)) \$3,352.95
Type: Upsize to 3/4" Meter	(((\$533.29)) \$600.02
Type: Upsize to 1" Meter	(((\$824.67)) \$891.63
Type: Valve Replacement	(((\$420.75)) \$442.88
Type: Frozen 5/8" Meter	(((\$398.84)) \$448.47
Type: Frozen 3/4" Meter	(((\$456.64)) \$506.31
Type: Frozen 1" Meter	(((\$531.33)) \$851.06
Type: Frozen 1 1/2" Meter	(((\$1,016.35)) \$1,166.51
Type: Frozen 2" Meter	(((\$1,173.35)) \$1,332.52
Type: Damaged Meter Remote Repair/Replace	(((\$489.48)) \$563.12
Type: Meter Box Install PVC/Concrete	(((\$2,151.18)) \$2,256.54
Type: Hydrant Lock Remove/Reinstall	(((\$724.66)) \$1,176.32
Type: Blackflow Test	(((\$245.35)) \$342.06
Type: Meter Appointment reschedule fee	(((\$81.98)) \$95.32

Tap Fees	Fee Dollar Amount
Type: 1" Tap	(((\$1,875.17)) <u>\$2,306.97</u>
Type: 2" Tap	(((\$1,934.29)) <u>\$2,110.26</u>
Type: 4" Tap	(((\$5,952.34)) <u>\$6,225.76</u>
Type: 6" Tap	(((\$5,176.32)) <u>\$5,486.31</u>
Type: 8" Tap	(((\$7,653.07)) <u>\$8,351.12</u>
Type: 10" Tap	(((\$9,400.65)) <u>\$10,272.60</u>
Type: 12" Tap	(((\$11,077.66)) <u>\$12,204.81</u>
Type: Tap Inspection Only Fee	\$161.63

Miscellaneous Fees	Fee Dollar Amount
On Property Water Service Repair	(((\$163.56)) <u>\$206.94</u>
Illegal Fire Hydrant Use Up to \$1000 Per Day	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Unauthorized Fire Line Use up to \$1000 per day	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Hydrant (Cage) Permit	<u>\$550.00</u>
Annual Deposit	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Proof of Insurance Deduction	<u>-\$1,500.00</u>
Lost, Damaged Destroyed Replace Up to; Failure to Return by February 1 st , forfeit deposit	<u>\$3,626.00</u>
Chlorination 3,000' or less	(((\$612.64)) <u>\$698.39</u>
Re-Inspection	(((\$163.56)) <u>\$206.94</u>
New Hydrant Install	(((\$10,956.19)) <u>\$10,097.92</u>
Water Main Tie In	(((\$1,143.17)) <u>\$1,326.01</u>
New Install Rescheduling	(((\$410.39)) <u>\$501.59</u>
Type: ¾" to 5/8" Meter downsize (ADU)	(((\$802.52)) <u>\$897.13</u>
Type: 1" to ¾" Meter downsize (ADU)	(((\$860.29)) <u>\$943.04</u>

In the event an annual update does not occur, all fees set out in the latest Appendix A shall remain in full effect until modified or amended.

CITY OF SPOKANE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE	ADMIN 0325-25-08 LGL 2025-0026
TITLE Standardized Downtown Parade Routes and Procedures EFFECTIVE DATE: November 24, 2025 REVISION DATE: N/A	

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 This policy establishes standardized routes and procedures for all downtown parades and in-street marches permitted through the City of Spokane's special events process.

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2.0 DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS AFFECTED

This policy applies to all departments and divisions.

3.0 REFERENCES

Spokane Municipal Code 10.39

4.0 DEFINITIONS

None

5.0 POLICY

- 5.1 It is the policy of the City Council to establish and maintain standardized routes and procedures for downtown parades and permitted in-street marches to ensure participant and spectator safety, reduce the use of City resources, and reduce the costs of traffic control for event sponsors.
- 5.2 Pursuant to SMC 10.39.040, the City may impose reasonable and necessary conditions to ensure the special event does not:
 - substantially interrupt public transportation or other vehicle and pedestrian traffic;
 - cause an unreasonable conflict with construction or development in the public right-of-way or at a public facility;
 - require the diversion of police and fire personnel and equipment from their normal duties without provisions for such;
 - interfere with the movement of police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency vehicles on the streets; and
 - interfere with any other special event for which a permit has already been granted.

6.0 PROCEDURE

- 6.1 There are three standard downtown parade routes: Small – Option 1, Medium – Option 2, and Large – Option 3. All downtown parade routes begin on Washington Street and Boone Avenue and terminate on Spokane Falls Boulevard and Post Street unless otherwise determined by the Chief of Police or their designee.
- 6.2 Parade routes are determined by the City, in coordination with the event sponsor, based on factors including, but not limited to, public safety resource requirements, traffic control requirements, estimated number of participants in the parade, estimated crowd size, and impacted street construction or transit routes.
- 6.3 Streets required for parade staging may be closed no longer than two hours for Small – Option 1 routes and three hours for Option 2 – Medium and Option 3 - Large before the beginning of the parade, unless approved by the Chief of Police or their designee.
- 6.4 Streets not required for parade staging but used in the parade route may be closed no longer than two hours before the beginning of the parade, unless approved by the Chief of Police or their designee.

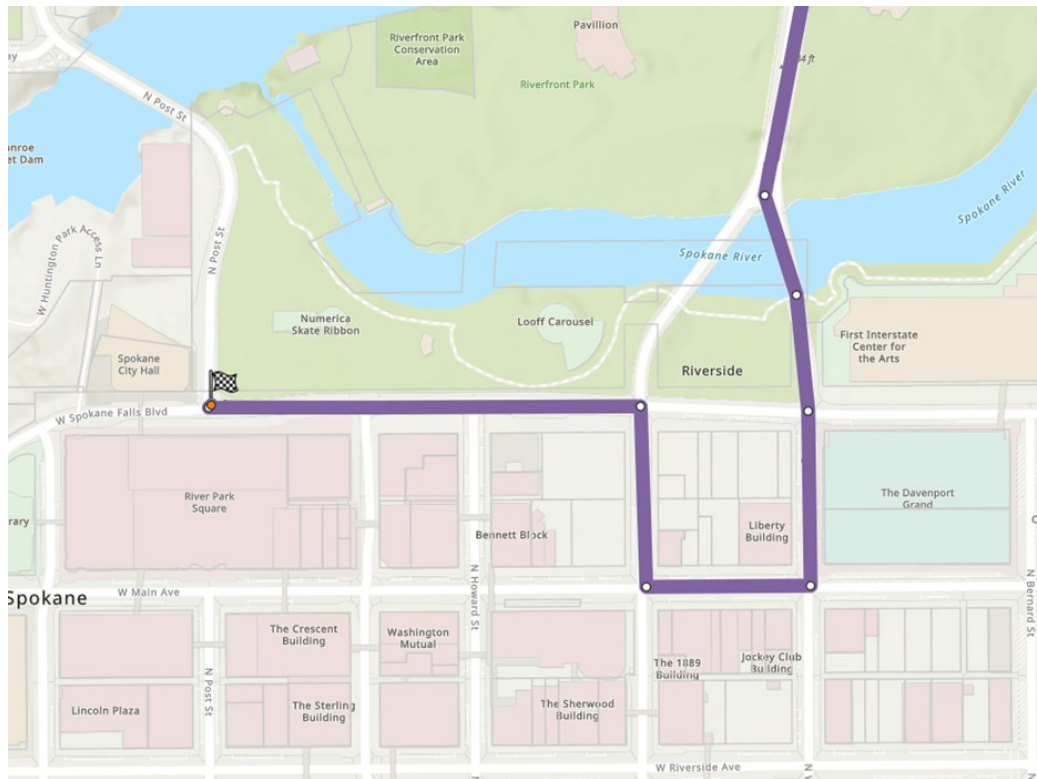
7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

All relevant divisions and departments are responsible for implementing this policy.

8.0 APPENDICES

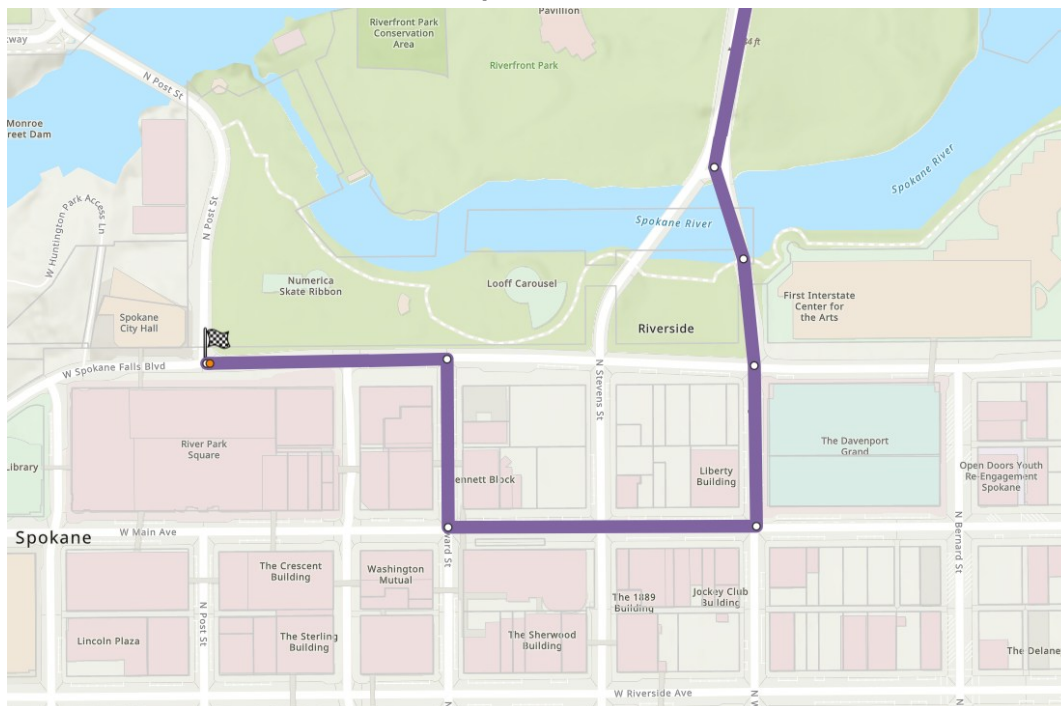
Small – Option 1 Downtown Parade Route
Medium – Option 2 Downtown Parade Route
Large – Option 3 Downtown Parade Route

Small – Option 1 Parade Route

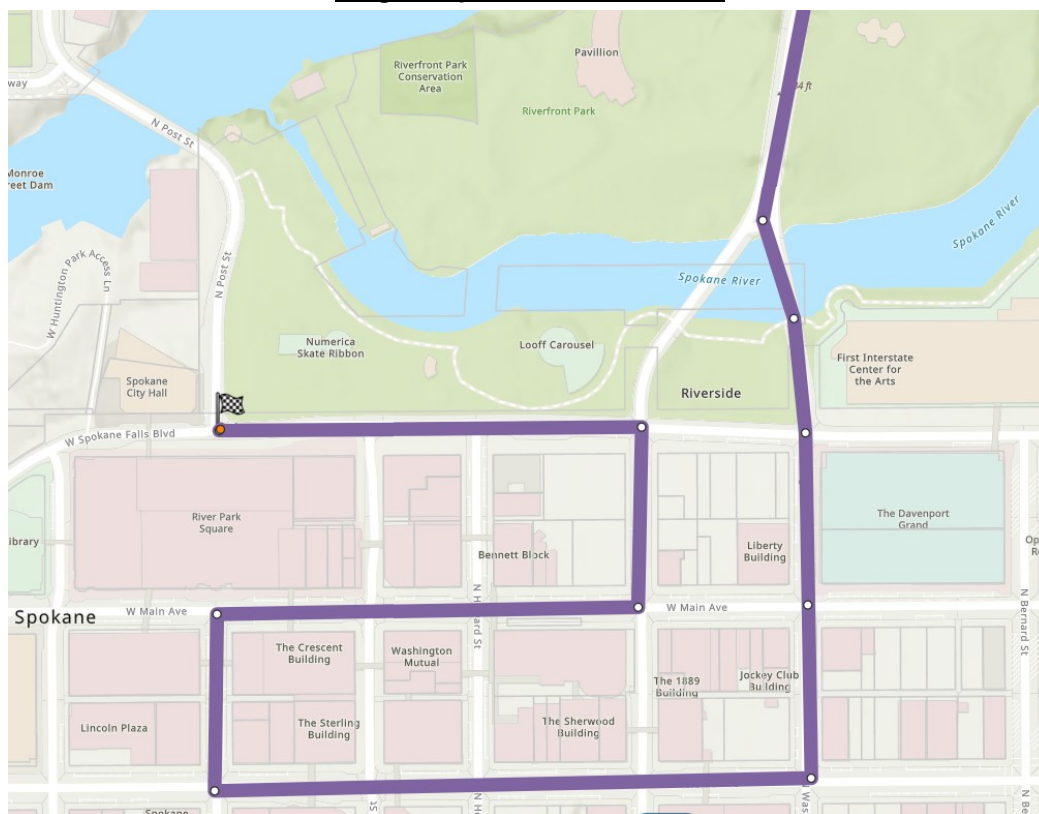


Description: Beginning north of Spokane Falls Boulevard on Washington Street, the route heads south on Washington Street to Main Avenue, then west on Main Avenue to Stevens Street, then north on Stevens Street to Spokane Falls Boulevard, and then west on Spokane Falls Boulevard, where the route terminates at Spokane Falls Boulevard and Post Street.

Medium – Option 2 Parade Route



Description: Beginning north of Spokane Falls Boulevard on Washington Street, the route heads south on Washington Street to Main Avenue, then west on Main Avenue to Howard Street, then north on Howard Street to Spokane Falls Boulevard, and then west on Spokane Falls Boulevard, where the route terminates at Spokane Falls Boulevard and Post Street.

Large – Option 3 Parade Route

Description: Beginning north of Spokane Falls Boulevard on Washington Street, then west on Riverside Avenue to Post Street, then north on Post Street to Main Avenue, then east on Main Avenue to Stevens Street, then north on Stevens Street to Spokane Falls Boulevard, and then west on Spokane Falls Boulevard, where the route terminates at Spokane Falls Boulevard and Post Street.

Job Opportunities

We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity within our organization. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, genetic information, veteran/military status, or disability status.

ELECTRICIAN SPN 605

Open Entry

DATE OPEN: Monday, December 1, 2025

DATE CLOSED: Monday, December 15, 2025

SALARY: \$56,960.64 annual salary, payable bi-weekly, to a maximum of \$91,162.08

CLASS SUMMARY:

Performs skilled work at the journey level in the design, construction, installation, maintenance and repair of electrical systems and equipment.

EXAMPLES OF JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Installs, alters, maintains and repairs electrical wiring systems, fixtures, other electrical equipment and appliances according to electrical code standards.
- Troubleshoots, dismantles, cleans, repairs, and replaces motor and generator parts.
- Performs electrical and some mechanical work on various electrical machinery and equipment.
- Designs, installs, maintains, and repairs electrical wiring conduits and raceways.
- Maintains and repairs transformer substations with a capacity of up to 13,000 volts.
- Inspects and maintains battery operated electrical systems, such as emergency lighting and electric carts.
- Performs normal preventive maintenance on a scheduled basis.
- Performs varied tasks at less than skilled journey level in related trades as required.

- Operates automotive vehicles, power and hand tools as required.
- Performs related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**Open Entry Requirements:**

(Open-entry applicants must meet all requirements when they apply.)

- *Education:* All applicants must possess a general journeyman's electrician license as issued by the State of Washington.
- *License:* Possession of a valid driver's license.

Lift Requirement:

- Job offer is contingent on passing a lift test.
- Enough strength to lift, carry, push, or pull equipment weighing up to 75 lbs.

EXAMINATION DETAILS:

For information on what to expect with the hiring process, a test information guide, and frequently asked questions, please visit our website.

Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications and pass the examination for this position to be eligible for hire.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply immediately. All applicants must complete and submit a City of Spokane employment application online by 4:00 p.m. on the filing cut-off date.

Upon request, at time of application, City of Spokane will provide alternative accessible tests to individuals with disabilities that impair manual, sensory, or speaking skills needed to take the test, unless the test is intended to measure those skills.

EXAMINATION DETAILS:

The examination will consist of a Training & Experience Evaluation, with weights assigned as follows:

- T&E Examination 100%

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE EVALUATION DETAILS:

The T&E examination consists of a Supplemental Questionnaire. The questions may be viewed online under the tab marked **"QUESTIONS" on the job announcement page. The T&E must be submitted online, at the time of application.**

- Copies of your college or university transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted) may be a required part of this application and will be used to verify that you meet the minimum qualifications, as posted on the job announcement.
- Responses to your T&E questions should be consistent with the information given in your application details. Answers are subject to verification.
- Failure to complete all of the questions or incomplete responses will result in a lower score; therefore, it is advantageous for you to provide a full and complete response to each supplemental question.
- Resumes or questionnaires uploaded as attachments will not be accepted in lieu of completing each question online.
- "See Resume" or "See above," etc., and copy/paste from a previous answer are not qualifying responses and will not be considered.

TO APPLY:

An application is required for applicants. Applications must be completed online at: <http://my.spokanecity.org/jobs> by 4:00 p.m. on the filing cut-off date. Copies of required additional documents may be attached to your application or submitted via any of the following:

- Email: civilservice@spokanecity.org with Job Title – Applicant Name in the subject line of the email
- In person or mail to: Civil Service Commission, 4th Floor-City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201

Please contact our office at 509-625-6160 immediately if you have any difficulties submitting your application.

By order of the SPOKANE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, dated at Spokane, Washington, this 25th day of November 2025.

SCOTT STEPHENS
Chair

KELSEY PEARSON
Chief Examiner

ELECTRICIAN SPN 605

Promotional

DATE OPEN: Monday, December 1, 2025**DATE CLOSED: Monday, December 15, 2025****SALARY: \$56,960.64 annual salary, payable bi-weekly, to a maximum of \$91,162.08****CLASS SUMMARY:**

Performs skilled work at the journey level in the design, construction, installation, maintenance and repair of electrical systems and equipment.

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- Performs normal preventive maintenance on a scheduled basis.
- Performs varied tasks at less than skilled journey level in related trades as required.
- Operates automotive vehicles, power and hand tools as required.
- Performs related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**Promotional Requirements:**

(Current employees of the City of Spokane may meet the promotional requirements. All promotional requirements must be met at the date of the examination.)

- *Education:* All applicants must possess a general journeyman's electrician license as issued by the State of Washington.
- *License:* Possession of a valid driver's license.
- *Experience:* Present City employees who meet the above requirements and have completed their probationary period may apply on a promotional basis.

Lift Requirement:

- Job offer is contingent on passing a lift test.
- Enough strength to lift, carry, push, or pull equipment weighing up to 75 lbs.

EXAMINATION DETAILS:

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The examination will consist of a Training & Experience Evaluation, with weights assigned as follows:

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- Resumes or questionnaires uploaded as attachments will not be accepted in lieu of completing each question online.

- "See Resume" or "See above," etc., and copy/paste from a previous answer are not qualifying responses and will not be considered.

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SCOTT STEPHENS
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Notice for Bids

Paving, Sidewalks, Sewer, etc.

ABBREVIATED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS 2026-2027

CITY OF SPOKANE, WA

DESCRIPTION: Geotechnical Engineering Consultant Services for Federal Aid Projects 2026-2027

DUE DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2025
No later than 1:00 p.m.

DELIVERY: via email to: jradams@spokanecity.org

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services may include tasks associated with geotechnical engineering both during design and construction. Sample types of tasks/project components include:

- Classification of soils by appropriate methods
- Determination of soil properties by appropriate means
- Determination of foundation and wall design parameters
- Pavement subgrade characterization and pavement design
- Evaluation of Water mounding in relationship to stormwater injections
- Conducting geophysical studies, test borings, test excavations, infiltration testing, aquifer testing
- Identification of restrictive infiltration layers below the ground surface
- Slope stability and groundwater seepage analysis
- Geotechnical report preparations
- Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental site assessments
- Conducting special inspections or other geotechnical related construction phase inspections

POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH A CONSULTANT MAY BE REQUIRED

- Freya – Palouse Roundabout
- Sunset Shared Use Trail – Deer Heights to Spotted Rd.
- Millwood Trail – Greene St to Felts Field
- Spokane Falls Blvd. Rebuild – Post St. to Division St.
- Riverside Ave. – Monroe to Wall
- Safe Streets for Spokane
- Flett Middle School SRTS – Wellesley Ave & Assembly Blvd
- Sacajawea Middle School SRTS – Grand Blvd. – 37th to 29th Ave

- Driscoll Blvd. Sidewalk – Garland to Wellesley
- Division St BRT Active Transportation

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be evaluated when reviewing statements of qualifications.

Criteria	Weighting
Qualifications of key personnel including project manager and firm	40%
Past performance/references relevant to areas itemized above on similar projects	40%
Ability to respond to City requests for assistance in a timely manner	20%

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The full Request for Qualifications containing submittal requirements can be viewed at <https://cityofspokaneplans.com/> or can be requested from eraea@spokanecity.org or by calling 509-625-6700.

Submittals shall be submitted via email to jradams@spokanecity.org.

Questions about the RFQ can also be directed to Jonathan Adams at jradams@spokanecity.org

ADA INFORMATION

The City of Spokane in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Jonathan Adams at jradams@spokanecity.org or by calling 509-625-6267.

TITLE VI STATEMENT

The City of Spokane in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252,42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

Publish: November 19, 26, and December 3, 2025 (RFQ 2025080)

ABBREVIATED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS 2026-2027

CITY OF SPOKANE, WA

DESCRIPTION: Historical Resource Consultant Services for Federal Aid Projects 2026-2027

DUE DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2025
No later than 1:00 p.m.

DELIVERY: via email to: jradams@spokanecity.org

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services will include tasks associated with cultural resources both during design and construction. Sample types of tasks/project components include:

- Preparation of cultural and historic resources studies including field exploration as required
- Coordination with area Indian tribes and DAHP
- Consultation with City of Spokane design engineers to recommend ways to eliminate project effects on cultural/historic resources
- Construction phase monitoring

POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH A CONSULTANT MAY BE REQUIRED

- Freya – Palouse Roundabout
- Sunset Shared Use Trail – Deer Heights to Spotted Rd.
- Millwood Trail – Greene St to Felts Field

- Spokane Falls Blvd. Rebuild – Post St. to Division St.
- Riverside Ave. – Monroe to Wall
- US 195/ Inland Empire Way
- Safe Streets for Spokane
- Flett Middle School SRTS – Wellesley Ave & Assembly Blvd
- Sacajawea Middle School SRTS – Grand Blvd. – 37th to 29th Ave
- Driscoll Blvd. Sidewalk – Garland to Wellesley

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be evaluated when reviewing statements of qualifications.

Criteria	Weighting
Qualifications of key personnel including project manager and firm	40%
Past performance/references relevant to similar projects	40%
Ability to respond to City requests for assistance in a timely manner	20%
Cost Containment	25%

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

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ADA INFORMATION

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**ABBREVIATED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS 2026-2027**

CITY OF SPOKANE, WA

DESCRIPTION: Real Estate Consultant Services for Federal Aid Projects 2026-2027

DUE DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2025
No later than 1:00 p.m.

DELIVERY: via email to: jradams@spokanecity.org

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services may include tasks associated with real estate acquisition both during design and construction. Sample types of tasks/project components include:

- Appraisals & review appraisals
- Negotiate with property owners
- Prepare offer letters and administrative offer summaries
- Obtain property owner signatures

- Prepare ROW certification packages
- Relocation assistance

POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH A CONSULTANT MAY BE REQUIRED

- Freya – Palouse Roundabout
- Sunset Shared Use Trail – Deer Heights to Spotted Rd.
- Millwood Trail – Greene St to Felts Field
- Spokane Falls Blvd. Rebuild – Post St. to Division St.
- Safe Streets for Spokane
- Flett Middle School SRTS – Wellesley Ave & Assembly Blvd
- Sacajawea Middle School SRTS – Grand Blvd. – 37th to 29th Ave
- Driscoll Blvd. Sidewalk – Garland to Wellesley
- Division St BRT Active Transportation
- Ash, Maple and Monroe Streets Preservation - G&O
- Mission Ave – Napa St. to Greene St. G&O
- Ray St. – 18th Ave. to 29th Ave G&O
- 29th and Sprague Avenues Preservation - G&O

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be evaluated when reviewing statements of qualifications.

Criteria	Weighting
Qualifications of key personnel	25%
Expertise and approach to various tasks described in Scope of Services	25%
Past performance/references relevant to areas itemized above on similar projects	25%
Cost Containment	25%

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ABBREVIATED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SURVEYING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS 2026-2027

CITY OF SPOKANE, WA

DESCRIPTION: Surveying Consultant Services for Federal Aid Projects 2026-2027

DUE DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2025
No later than 1:00 p.m.

DELIVERY: via email to: jradams@spokanecity.org

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services may include tasks associated with surveying both during design and construction. Sample types of tasks/project components include:

- Boundary surveying
- Topographical and site surveying
- Mapping
- Construction staking
- Writing of parcel or easement legal descriptions
- Monument preservation and DNR permit processing

POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH A CONSULTANT MAY BE REQUIRED

- Freya – Palouse Roundabout
- Sunset Shared Use Trail – Deer Heights to Spotted Rd.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be evaluated when reviewing statements of qualifications.

Criteria	Weighting
Qualifications of key personnel including project manager and firm	40%
Past performance/references relevant to similar projects	40%
Ability to respond to City requests for assistance in a timely manner	20%

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

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