

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CITY’S GENERAL FUND, STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND, PARK RESERVE FUND, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND, HOME FUND, STREETS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND, PARK PROJECT CONSTRUCTION FUND, ELECTRIC FUND, WATER FUND, WASTEWATER FUND, SOLID WASTE FUND, STORMWATER FUND, MEDICAL SERVICES FUND, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FUND, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND, AND DECLARING THAT A PUBLIC EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY’S GENERAL FUND, STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND, PARK RESERVE FUND, ELECTRIC FUND, WATER FUND, WASTEWATER FUND, SOLID WASTE FUND, STORMWATER FUND, MEDICAL SERVICES FUND, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND.

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025, Richland City Council approved Ordinance No. 2025-33 adopting the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance No. 2026-14 will address several budget adjustments occurring in various funds; and

WHEREAS, because a Department of Ecology grant originally budgeted in the Park Project Construction Fund would be more appropriately budgeted and managed in the City’s General Fund, appropriations in the amount of \$250,000 and all associated grant revenues will be transferred from the Parks Project Construction Fund to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Police Department was successful in acquiring \$91,906 in grant funds from three separate grant opportunities (\$50,000 from the Seattle Police Department for ICAC, \$11,906 in JAG funds from the City of Kennewick for two portable radios, and \$30,000 from the Criminal Justice Training Commission for wellness), which must now be appropriated in the City’s General Fund for use; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations in the amount of \$600,000 in the General Fund are required to spend a grant received from the Washington State Department of Commerce for HVAC equipment replacement at Richland’s City Shops; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations in the amount of \$3,200,000 in the General Fund are required to spend a grant received from the Washington State Department of Ecology for abatement of the abandoned tire pile located on Twin Bridges Road; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently in negotiations to purchase an existing property for a new police station, which will require additional appropriations of \$8,000,000 from fund balance in the

General Fund for purchase, demolition of certain structures, design, and initial improvements to the property; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations of \$185,200 from fund balance in the General Fund are needed to extend the contract for the security trailer program into 2027 and increase the number of trailers being utilized; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations in the amount of \$4,143,968 are required in the Equipment Replacement Fund to accelerate purchase orders for long lead-time equipment, and to replace a vehicle that was involved in an accident that rendered it a total loss; and

WHEREAS, additional fund balance appropriations of \$280,000 are needed from the Electric Fund to transfer to the Equipment Replacement Fund as part of the previously stated adjustment for long lead-time equipment; and

WHEREAS, additional fund balance appropriations of \$300,000 are needed from the Stormwater Fund to transfer to the Equipment Replacement Fund as part of the previously stated adjustment for long lead-time equipment; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations in the amount of \$294,454 need to be transferred from the Park Reserve Fund District No. 1 fund balance to the Park Project Construction Fund to complete the Columbia Playfield Parking Lot Renovation project; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations in the amount of \$150,313 need to be transferred from the Park Reserve Fund undesignated fund balance to the Park Project Construction Fund to complete the West Village Park Playground Improvement project; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations in the amount of \$26,708 are needed in the Community Development Block Grant Fund due to additional 2026 grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations in the amount of \$20,328 are needed in the HOME Fund due to additional 2026 grant funding from HUD; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations in the amount of \$241,504 are needed in the Equipment Maintenance Fund for unanticipated repairs to the fleet building heating infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the unanticipated fleet building heating unfractured repair will be funded by equal transfers from the General Fund, Streets Maintenance Fund, Electric Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Stormwater Fund and Medical Services Fund; and

WHEREAS, no funds were appropriated in the 2026 Budget for the items listed above; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available, or new revenues/transfers are available, to support the required budget adjustments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.33.091, a duly noticed public hearing was held on June 2, 2026 regarding the increase in appropriations from beginning fund balance in the General Fund, Park Reserve Fund, Park Project Construction Fund, Electric Fund, Stormwater Fund, and Equipment Replacement Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Facts Constituting Emergency. The expenses contained within this Ordinance were not anticipated when the 2026 Budget was adopted.

Section 2. Declaration of Public Emergency. Due to circumstances described above, the City Council declares that a public emergency exists in the General Fund, Streets Maintenance Fund, Park Reserve Fund, Electric Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Stormwater Fund, Medical Services Fund and Equipment Replacement Fund.

Section 3. Amendment of the 2026 Budget. The 2026 Budget is hereby amended to provide additional appropriations as follows:

Fund Title	Current Appropriations	Change In Appropriations	Amended Appropriations	Source	
				Fund Balance	New Revenue
General Fund	\$ 87,878,524	\$ 12,357,294	\$ 100,235,818	\$ 8,215,388	\$ 4,141,906
Streets Maintenance	\$ 6,206,074	\$ 30,188	\$ 6,236,262	\$ 30,188	
Park Reserve	\$ 476,571	\$ 444,767	\$ 921,338	\$ 444,767	
Community Dev. Block Grant	\$ 398,989	\$ 32,030	\$ 431,019		\$ 32,030
HOME	\$ 5,165,999	\$ 20,328	\$ 5,186,327		\$ 20,328
Streets Capital Construction	\$ 48,161,558	\$ (5,322)	\$ 48,156,236		\$ (5,322)
Park Project Construction	\$ 11,904,333	\$ 194,767	\$ 12,099,100		\$ 194,767
Electric	\$ 96,270,414	\$ 310,188	\$ 96,580,602	\$ 310,188	
Water	\$ 45,992,529	\$ 30,188	\$ 46,022,717	\$ 30,188	
Wastewater	\$ 31,666,754	\$ 30,188	\$ 31,696,942	\$ 30,188	
Solid Waste	\$ 27,484,654	\$ 30,188	\$ 27,514,842	\$ 30,188	
Stormwater	\$ 8,443,518	\$ 330,188	\$ 8,773,706	\$ 330,188	
Medical Services	\$ 10,537,052	\$ 30,188	\$ 10,567,240	\$ 30,188	
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 6,169,916	\$ 241,504	\$ 6,411,420		\$ 241,504
Equipment Replacement	\$ 6,559,860	\$ 4,143,968	\$ 10,703,828	\$ 3,563,968	\$ 580,000
TOTAL	\$ 393,316,745	\$ 18,220,652	\$ 411,537,397	\$ 13,015,439	\$ 5,205,213

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 16th day of June, 2026.



Theresa Richardson, Mayor for

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

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