



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WA**

February 10, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

Increase Utility Tax by 2% to Fund the 2025
Swimming Pool Season

PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION:

Adopt Ordinance

SUBMITTED BY

Debbie Zabell, Deputy City Manager

EXHIBITS

Proposed Ordinance Proposed 2025 Budget Rotary Donation
Guarantee

APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ \$287,290.00
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ \$287,290.00
BUDGET AMENDMENT	\$ \$287,290.00

SUMMARY

At the January 27, 2025, Regular Council meeting, the Council directed the Finance Committee to work with staff to prepare a maintenance and operation budget for the 2025 pool season, as well as the direction to staff to prepare an ordinance for a utility tax increase for the purpose of funding the maintenance and operations of the City's swimming pool for the 2025 season. The proposed ordinance provides for (1) a 2% utility tax increase that will be segregated from all other revenues in a general management fund, (2) the collection of utility tax will begin March 1, 2025, and end December 31, 2025. In addition, all expenditures for the maintenance and operations of the swimming pool will be accounted for in the same general management fund. Staff will provide the City Council with a revenue and expenditure report of the fund bi-monthly (each regular council meeting). The proposed budget includes a one-time guarantee from the Sunnyside Rotary to fund the startup repairs costs totaling \$38,560.00. The attached 2025 Swimming Pool budget is being provided for Council's information. The swimming pool revenues and expenditures will be included in the first 2025 budget amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the proposed ordinance increasing the Utility Tax by 2% to Fund the 2025 Swimming Pool Season