

ORDINANCE NO. 2205

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,884,480 AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY FEES, AND WAGE SCALE

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Ritzville, Washington completed and placed on file with the Clerk/Treasurer a proposed budget and estimate of the amount of monies required to meet the public expenses, bond payments and interest, reserve funds, and expenses of government of said city for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the said City Council did conduct two public hearings on November 18 and December 16, 2025 to consider the matter of said proposed budget and fees; and

WHEREAS, the said proposed budget does not exceed the lawful limit of taxation allowed by law to be levied on the property within the City of Ritzville for the purposes set forth in said budget, and the estimated expenditures set forth in said budget being all necessary to carry on the government of said city for said year and being sufficient to meet the various needs of said city during said period; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ritzville does ordain as follows:

Section 1: The budget for the City of Ritzville, Washington, for the year 2026 is hereby adopted in its final form and content as set forth in the document entitled City of Ritzville, 2026 Final Revenue & Expenditure Budget, City Fee Schedule (Exhibit A) and Wage Scale (Exhibit B), of which copies are on file in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 2: Estimated resources, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Ritzville, and aggregate totals (net of transactions between funds) for all such funds combined, for the year 2026 are set forth in summary form below, and are hereby appropriated for expenditure for the year 2026 as set forth below:

Fund	Description	2026 Total Final Budget
001	Current Expense	\$2,061,862.00
002	Criminal Justice Monies	\$6,200.00
003	Law and Justice	\$94,148.00
004	Cemetery	\$139,561.00
006	City Memorial & Enhancement	\$1,900.00
007	PDA Fund	\$434.00
103	City Streets	\$475,599.00
104	Transporation Benefit District	\$120,000.00
105	City Beautification	\$58,400.00
106	COVID Local Recovery	\$46,267.00
110	Performing Arts/Tourism	\$203,489.00
112	Cumulative Reserve/Rev Stab	\$0.00

Fund	Description	2026 Total Final Budget
120	Police Investigative Fund	\$500.00
121	Public Safety Tax	\$110,443.00
122	Utility Tax Fund	\$200,000.00
301	Capital Improvement	\$83,000.00
302	General Capital Projects	\$0.00
304	Law Enforcement Contributions	\$2,560.00
305	Tree Board	\$208,150.00
307	Cemetery Reserve	\$30,000.00
401	Water	\$1,355,537.00
402	Water Reserve	\$0.00
403	Sanitation	\$479,263.00
404	Sanitation Retainage Fund	\$0.00
408	Sewer	\$1,482,167.00
409	Sewer Reserve	\$0.00
410	Helping Others	\$500.00
419	USDA Debt Ser Reserve	\$0.00
424	Utility Deposit	\$11,500.00
425	Doe Debt Service	\$229,000.00
500	Equipment Rental & Revolving	\$484,000.00
	Total	\$7,884,480.00

Section 3: Budget Submission. The Clerk/Treasurer is directed to transmit a copy of the budget hereby adopted to the State Auditor's Office.

Section 4: City Fee Schedule. The attached 2026 City Fee Schedule is the official fees set forth by the City Council and in support of the 2026 Final Budget. The schedule has been reviewed and is approved as part of this ordinance, Final Budget Attachment A. The fees will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Section 5: Wage Scale and Personnel Issues. The attached 2026 wage scale is the official place where full-time and part-time employees are paid. The City Council of the City of Ritzville instructs the Clerk/Treasurer to pay all full-time and part-time employees as presented in the 2026 Wage Scale, Final Budget Attachment B. The wages will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Section 6: Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 7: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication as prescribed in this Ordinance.


READ in open meeting; **PASSED** by majority vote of the Council present: and

ORDERED PUBLISHED this 16th day of December, 2025.



Scott Yaeger, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



John Kragt, City Attorney

ATTEST:



Julie Flyckt, Clerk/Treasurer