

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-33**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.04.386  
RELATED TO ORGANIZATIONS QUALIFIED TO USE BUSINESS  
LICENSE RESERVE FUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has need, from time to time, to amend the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) to bring it into alignment with current practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richland desires to promote new and existing business activities in the City through expanded access to the Business License Reserve Fund, including the newly formed Richland Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended changes to the Business License Reserve Fund have been vetted through affected City departments; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2024, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) held a meeting to consider changes to the City's Business License Reserve Program and recommended inclusion of the Richland Chamber of Commerce as an entity eligible to access Business License Reserve Fund monies as provided herein.

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

Section 1. Section 5.04.386 of the Richland Municipal Code, entitled Organizations qualified to use business license reserves, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 17-90, and last modified by Ordinance No. 50-19, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**5.04.386 Organizations qualified to use business license reserves.**

Organizations qualified to use the funding reserved and accumulated in the categories as listed above shall include the Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce, [the Richland Chamber of Commerce](#), the Tri-Cities Visitors and Convention Bureau, SCORE of the Mid-Columbia (business mentoring and education in the Tri-Cities), Small Business Development Center Tri-Cities (SBDC-TC), ~~and~~ the two business improvement districts (Downtown and Uptown), [and other similarly constituted organizations as determined by recommendation of the Economic Development Committee](#). These groups shall have as their charter the enhancement of the local business community and the improvement of the environs of the city of Richland. The awarding of funds shall be determined by the Richland city council based upon recommendations to the council by the economic development committee, which shall review the applications submitted to them. The economic development committee shall develop a set of guidelines for the selection of the recipients, said guidelines to be approved by the city attorney and accepted by the city council.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.


Section 3. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
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Theresa Richardson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

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