



## Staff Report

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### **Ordinance No. 20-003 Relating to Relocation Assistance for Public Works Projects**

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**SUMMARY:** RCW 8.26 (Relocation Assistance—Real Property Acquisition Policy) establishes a uniform policy for the fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of public works programs and projects such that people affected do not suffer disproportionate injuries and to minimize the hardship of displacement if necessary. In addition, RCW 8.26 is also intended to encourage and expedite the acquisition of real property to reduce litigation and assure consistent treatment of people affected by public works projects.

In 2017, the State Legislature expanded the applicability of the Real Property Acquisition Policy to include projects completed by local public agencies, whether or not any federal funding is received for the project. In accordance with RCW 8.26 and WAC 468-100-004, the City is required to adopt operating procedures for relocation assistance when acquiring property for public works projects and programs.

A proposed ordinance creating a new chapter to Title 12 of the Camas Municipal Code to be in conformance with the applicable RCW and WAC is attached. The ordinance was drafted in consultation with the City Attorney and reviewed with Council at the February 18, 2020 Workshop.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 20-003 as presented.