



BUCKLEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Multi-Purpose Center, 811 Main Street

Next Ordinance #09-25, Next Resolution #25-06, Next Agenda Bill #25-050

Or Via Zoom:

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Call-in Number: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 833 6659 7529 Meeting Passcode: 863441

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call
3. Agenda Modifications
4. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations
 - a. State of the Library Update – Gretchen Caserotti
 - b. 2024 Audit Entrance Conference

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS - *Time Limit of Three Minutes* (Citizens wishing to speak are Encouraged to sign up at City Hall by Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting)

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mayor's Report	Burkett
2. Planning Commission	Arsanto

D. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes of June 10, 2025, City Council Meeting
- b. Approve minutes of July 8, 2025, City Council Meeting
- c. Approve minutes of July 22, 2025, City Council Meeting
- d. Claims and Payroll

E. REGULAR AGENDA

1. ORDINANCE

- a. ORD No. ____-25: Amending BMC 2.285.100(5) Judge Pro Tem

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. 3rd Quarter Fire Department Activity Report
2. City Administrator Update

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS - *Time Limit of Three Minutes*

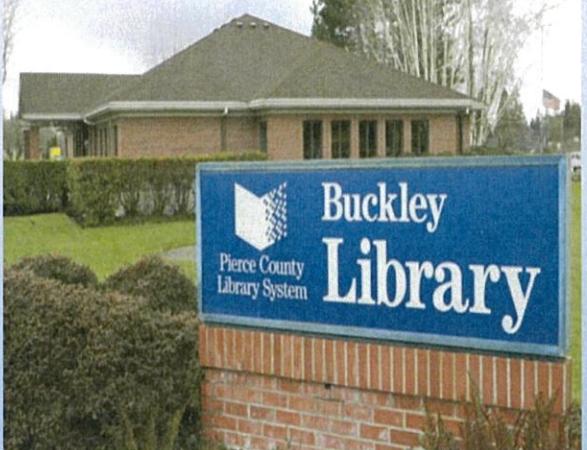
H. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & GOOD OF THE ORDER

I. ADJOURNMENT

Pierce County Library System

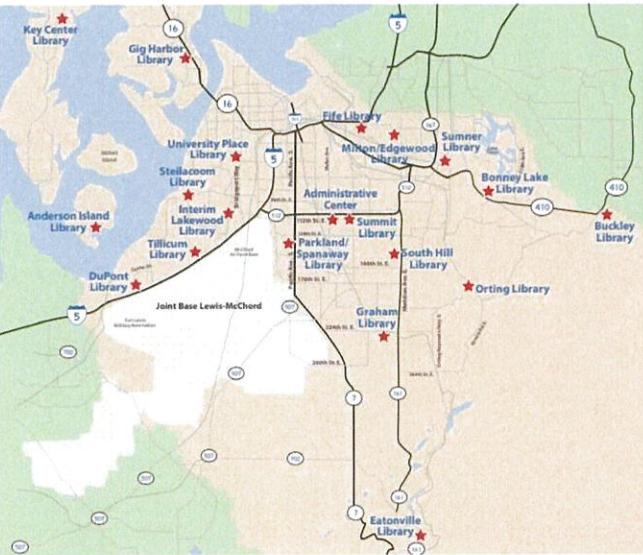
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Buckley City Council

October 14, 2025



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Pierce County Library System



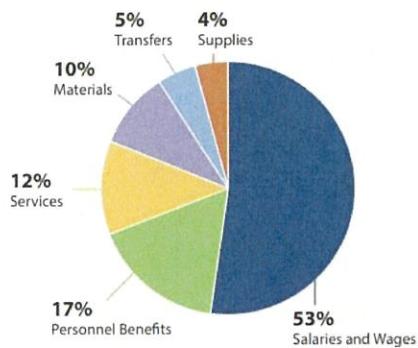
- Serves 680,000 people with 19 library facilities.
- Fourth-largest system in the state.
- More than 1.5 million books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials.



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Pierce County Library Finances

General Fund Expenses of 2024



- Total 2024 revenues: \$46,908,479.99
- Total 2024 expenditures: \$43,362,407.93
- 97.35% of the funds for library services come from property taxes. By state law, library systems may collect up to 50 cents per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.
- The 2024 tax rate was 33.82 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.



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Pierce County Library Foundation



- Foundation raised \$62,000 at last year's annual Trivia BEE fundraising event.
- The Library works with 17 Friends organizations.



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Fast Facts 2024

Pierce County Library System

- 3,068,553 visits (in buildings and to website).
- 5,427,430 books and materials checked out.
- 399,121 uses of online databases/e-sources.
- 336,412 cardholders.
- 3,292 classes and events.
- 85,325 attendees to classes and events.

Buckley Library

- Built in 1991.
- 39,935 visitors.
- 17,523 books and materials in the library.
- 71,767 books and materials checked out.
- 5,918 cardholders.
- 88 classes and events.
- 2,215 attendees to classes and events.



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Vision – how we see the future

The community of Pierce County thrives on inclusion, curiosity, and connection.

Mission – why we exist

To empower the people of Pierce County by advancing all forms of literacy, championing access to information, creating inclusive and inspired spaces, and enriching lives.

Values – what we believe

Cultural Humility

We listen to and learn from each other.

Human Connection

We bring people together.

Empowerment

We defend intellectual freedom, access, and autonomy.

Transformative Hospitality

We value every person.

<https://mypcls.org/about-us/strategic-plan/>



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GOALS



ENHANCE LIBRARY EXPERIENCE:

Improve visitor/user experience of accessibility, services, and resources.



WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE SPACES AND SERVICES:

Create safer spaces and services.



EMPHASIZE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:

Focus on partnerships where working together has lasting and greater impacts.



BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE:

Prioritize sustainability and the future of the Library, environment, and the community the Library serves.



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Buckley Library Upcoming Events

ADULT CLASSES AND EVENTS

Main Street Reads Thursday, October 16, 1-2 p.m.

Hybrid Keys to Homeownership – A Financial Literacy Program Wednesday, October 29, and November 5, 12, 19, 4-6 p.m.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

Play Time Saturday, October 18, 25, and November 1, 8, 15, 2-3 p.m.

Friends of the Buckley Library Book Sale Saturday, November 8, and December 13, 10 a.m.-noon

STORY TIMES

Story Time for Mixed Ages Friday, October 24, 31, and November 7, 14, 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen STEAM – Buckley Youth Activity Center Wednesday, November 12, and December 10, 3:30-5 p.m.



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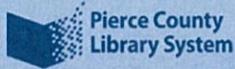
Thank you for supporting our vision

Together, we can build a Pierce County where everyone thrives through inclusion, curiosity, and connection.

Your partnership fuels discovery.

Your support nurtures growth.

Your engagement strengthens community.



B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

D. CONSENT AGENDA

City Council
June 10, 2025

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Anderson, Arsanto, Burbank, Bergerson, and Green.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Fire Chief Skogen, Firefighter Smith, and City Clerk Zumeck.

Council member Burbank moved to excuse Council member Bender. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked if there were any other additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

Council member Arsanto moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mary Dempsey – Ms. Dempsey stated that she is a representative of Buckley Beekeepers and the President of the Pierce County Beekeepers. She is here to offer education and show support for the Buckley beekeepers.

Carolyn Harding – Ms. Harding gave a log show update for vendors and parade. She also reminded folks about the Fairfax Bridge open house.

Sandra Anderson – Ms. Anderson shared that the State of Washington is actually coming out with License Plates for beekeeping but not until next year.

Jessica Goulet – Ms. Goulet shared her concerns regarding speeding in town. She lives on C Street and stated that she often sees folks going well over the 25 mph posted speed limit.

Marcy V. – Marcy shared her concerns with the intersection at Mundy Loss and Hwy 410 and also Wally's and Main. She would like to see designated left turn lanes.

Nikoli Stevens – Ms. Stevens shared that she just wanted to reiterate what Jessica said about speeding in town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Citizen Advisory Commission

Council member Anderson shared that the Citizen Advisory Commission met a few weeks ago and discussed the following:

- Clear Air Parks Ordinance
- Park Enhancements Policy

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Arsanto moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of January 7, 2025, Special City Council Meeting

Claim check numbers 69435 through 69546 in the amount of \$1,184,769.72 for May 13, 2025, through May 26, 2025; Payroll check numbers 41822 through 41857 in the amount of \$1453,385.33 and ACH Payroll in the amount of \$492,653.61 for May 27, 2025, through June 9, 2025; and Claim check numbers 69547 through 69619 in the amount of \$209,085.03 for May 27, 2025, through June 9, 2025, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 10th day of June 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

RES No. 25-03: Vision Zero

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve Resolution No. 25-03 Vision Zero Goal for Transportation Safety. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Update – Ms. Brunell shared that the City Hall ribbon cutting will be July 8th at 5:00 PM.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Burbank shared that the painting of the curbs looks great.

Council member Smith shared that Council member Bender's husband had passed away so please show her your support.

Council member Arsanto moved to adjourn. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Mayor

City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Zumeck, City Clerk/HR Administrator

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**City Council
July 8, 2025**

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Anderson, Arsanto, Burbank, Bergerson, Bender (via Zoom), and Green.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Public Services Director Banks, Firefighter Smith, Finance Director Hines, Court Administrator Cash, Judge Berry, Police Chief Alfano, and City Clerk Zumek

Council member Arsanto moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements, Appointments, and Presentations:

Mayor Burkett announced that he would like to reappoint Maria Zaffee to a three-year term on the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission.

Council member Smith moved to Reappoint Maria Zaffee to a three-year term on the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jeff Fetter – Mr. Fetter came to share information on an incident with the sidewalks near the log show grounds. During a log show an elderly woman fell and required stitches. Public Services Director Banks shared that the City staff is currently working on grinding the uneven spots on sidewalks.

He also wanted to share his concerns with E-bikes on the trail and requested that speed limit signs be added as he has almost been hit more than once by an E-bike travelling at well over 30 mph.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report: Mayor Burkett reported that there were 12 calls for the Fire Department on the 4th of July and only one was fireworks related and it was in Wilkeson.

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission:

Council member Bergerson shared that the Commission met on July 2, 2025, and discussed the following:

- Parting Commissioners,
- Program and Events Guide,
- Attendance & Participation,
- Wellness Classes
- New Positions Elected,
- Price Point Programming, and
- Wellness Fair.

Planning Commission:

Council member Arsanto shared that the Commission met last night and received a presentation from the Consultant on the Comprehensive Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- a. Bid Award – West Mason Overlay Project
- b. Consultant Supplemental Agreement 1 for Construction Phase of the West Mason Overlay Project
- c. Approve Minutes of January 7, 2025, City Council Study Session
- d. Approve Minutes of February 25, 2025, City Council Meeting
- e. Approve Minutes of March 11, 2025, City Council Meeting
- f. Claims and Payroll

Claim check numbers 69620 through 69697 in the amount of \$494,289.55 for June 10, 2025, through June 23, 2025; Payroll check numbers 41858 through 41910 in the amount of \$181,249.67 and ACH Payroll in the amount of \$510,638.54 for June 24, 2025, through July 7, 2025; and Claim check numbers 69698 through 69752 in the amount of \$123,633.32 for June 24, 2025, through July 8, 2025, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 8th day of July 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

RES No. 25-05: Support for Wilkeson- Fairfax Bridge Closure

Council member Anderson moved to Approve Resolution No. 25-05 in Support of the Town of Wilkeson following the Closure of the Fairfax Bridge. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

2nd Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director Hines shared the 2nd Quarter 2025 Financial Dashboard Report. She shared information on the following:

- General Fund Revenues;
- Sales Tax and Utility Tax;
- General Fund Expenditures;
- Legal Services;
- Fire Department OT;
- Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance;
- Utilities, and
- Real Estate Excise Tax.

State of the Court

Judge Berry provided the Council with a brief update on the state of the Court. She shared that her department has a lot of expertise and has faced many unexpected challenges over the last year. She is very proud of how the Department has handled everything. She also wanted to remind Council that she loves to do community outreach so feel free to reach out to her if there is a group or association, etc. that you would like her to come speak at. She shared that they were able to hold a mock court for the kids present at "Bring a Kid to Work Day" and also presented at the Police Department's Citizens Academy.

City Administrator Update

City Administrator Brunell apologized for not having a notice up at City Hall that the ribbon cutting scheduled for today was cancelled, there are still a few items that need to be completed before we hold the event.

She also shared that the Doc Tait Pavilion Ribbon Cutting will be on August 7th at 5:30 PM.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Bergerson asked if there could be more garbage cans put along the trail for dog waste and asked if the door on the new bathroom could be painted as it has already faded.

Council member Green shared that Pierce County along with other jurisdictions have decided to not accept federal funds due to new language that was issued. Council member Green would like to see some pushback on this.

Mayor Burkett shared that Fire Chief Skogen, Police Chief Alfano and himself had recently visited the volcano observatory and shared some information on the recent earthquakes around the volcano.

Council member Smith moved to adjourn. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Mayor

City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Zumek, City Clerk/HR Administrator

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City Council
July 22, 2025

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Anderson, Arsanto, Bergerson, Bender (via Zoom), and Green (via Zoom).

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass, Asst. Police Chief Northam, Fire Chief Skogen, and City Clerk Zumeck.

Council member Smith moved to excuse Council member Burbank. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Burkett asked if there were any other additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

Council member Arsanto moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements, Appointments, and Presentations:

Mayor Burkett shared that there is a request to cancel the August 5, 2025, City Council Study Session as it is the same night as National Night Out.

Council member Smith moved to cancel the August 5, 2025, City Council Study Session. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission: Council member Arsanto shared that he was unable to attend the meeting, so he does not have an update.

REGULAR AGENDA

Installation of a Cooling System for the IT/Server Room Located at the Fire Station

Council member Arsanto moved to Authorize the City Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest Bidder to Install a Cooling System in the Server Room at the

Fire Station not to exceed \$20,000. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

2nd Quarter Public Safety Report

Asst. Police Chief Northam stated that the report was included in Council packets and he would be happy to answer any questions.

Council member Smith stated that he heard about an incident at the Wilkeson court and was just wondering if standard procedures were followed for that. Mr. Northam shared that yes they were. Officer Sutphin was at the Court alone and he called for backup.

Council member Bergerson shared that it looks like from the report that traffic stops are up, which is good.

Parks Impact Fees – Director of Parks and Recreation Snodgrass shared that Park Impact Fees have not been looked at since 2016. She shared that since we aren't having a Study Session in August, Council is welcome to have a discussion now or schedule for a future meeting. She also shared that our top priority has been to be transparent through this process and regarding what the fees are for. She also shared that there are two options in front of you that can be brought forward for approval. She asked the Council if they had a preference on the options and the majority of Council preferred that Option A be brought back for adoption.

City Administrator Update – City Administrator Brunell shared that the handrails for City Hall are scheduled to be delivered on July 31st so we will be having a ground opening sometime in August.

Council member Arsanto moved to adjourn. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Mayor

City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Zumeck, City Clerk/HR Administrator

CITY OF BUCKLEY			
Payroll and Claims/Treasurer Checks -September 2025			
October 14, 2025 Council Meeting			
FUND #	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	ITEM
001	General Fund	\$ 434,773.93	Payroll
		\$ 134,463.06	Claims/Treasurer Checks
003	GF Cumulative Reserve	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
004	Cemetery	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
007	Police Equip. Maintenance Reserve	\$ -	Payroll
		\$ 5,292.36	Claims/Treasurer Checks
008	Railroad ROW	\$ -	Payroll
		\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
030	Fire Equipment & EMS Reserve	\$ 4,551.22	Claims/Treasurer Checks
035	Park Construction	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
101	Street Operations	\$ 7,393.66	Payroll
		\$ 17,718.19	Claims/Treasurer Checks
102	Street Capital Improvement	\$ 250,853.12	Claims/Treasurer Checks
103	Transportation Benefit District	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
105	EMS	\$ 70,631.19	Payroll
		\$ 5,102.54	Claims/Treasurer Checks
109	Criminal Justice		Payroll
			Claims/Treasurer Checks
134	Fire Dept Facility Maint & Cap Imp	\$ 10,887.95	Claims/Treasurer Checks
136	Visitor Promotion	\$ 483.98	Claims/Treasurer Checks
202	Fire Station Construction Bond	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
307	Capital Improvement	\$ 44,954.75	Claims/Treasurer Checks
308	Comp Plan Capital Improvements	\$ -	Payroll
			Claims/Treasurer Checks
401	Natural Gas Operations	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
402	Water Sewer Operations	\$ 127,454.55	Payroll
		\$ 79,944.18	Claims/Treasurer Checks
403	Solid Waste	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks

FUND #	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	ITEM
405	Sewer Construction	\$ 4,811.35	Claims/Treasurer Checks
406	Water Construction	\$ 5,610.82	Claims/Treasurer Checks
407	Storm Drain Operation & Maint	\$ 34,567.32	Payroll
		\$ 10,273.99	Claims/Treasurer Checks
408	Stormwater Construction	\$ 482.81	Claims/Treasurer Checks
430	Utility Equipment Reserve	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
631	Municipal Court Trust	\$ -	Claims/Treasurer Checks
632	Custodial Activities	\$ 345.00	Claims/Treasurer Checks
	Total Payroll	\$ 674,820.65	
	Total Claims & Treasurer Checks	\$ 575,775.32	
	Date Approved by Council -		Finance Director, Sandi Hines
Payroll =	September - mid-month draw & end of month		
Claims =	September - all batches		

D. REGULAR AGENDA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

City of Buckley
PO Box 1960
Buckley, WA 98321

ITEM INFORMATION			
SUBJECT: ORD No. ____-25: Amending BMC 2.28.100(5) Judges Pro Tem	Agenda Date: October 14, 2025 AB25-050		
	Department/Committee/Individual	Created	Reviewed
	Mayor		X
	City Administrator		X
	City Attorney		X
	City Engineer		
	City Clerk	X	X
	Finance Dept		
	Building Official		
	Fire Dept		
Cost Impact: N/A			
Fund Source: N/A			
Timeline:			
Staff Contact: Court Administrator Jessica Cash			
Attachments: Ordinance			
SUMMARY STATEMENT: In 2022, a Washington State RCW was updated concerning Judges Pro Tem. This Ordinance brings the Buckley Municipal Code compliant with this RCW.			
COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION: N/A			
RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOVE to Adopt Ordinance No. 09-25 Amending Buckley Municipal Code Chapter 2.28.100(5) Judges Pro Tem.			
RECORD OF COUNCIL ACTION			
Meeting Date	Action	Vote	

CITY OF BUCKLEY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. ___-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
BUCKLEY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.28.100(5) JUDGES PRO TEM

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.28.100(5) of the Buckley Municipal Code establishes policies and rules regarding Judges Pro Tem; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there was a Washington State Revised Code of Washington (RCW) update concerning Judges Pro Tem; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to update Buckley Municipal Code 2.28.100(5) to comply with this update.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Buckley Municipal Code Section 2.28.100(5) titled "Judges Pro Tem" is amended as follows:

2.28.100 Judge.

- (1) Appointment. The mayor shall appoint a part-time municipal court judge.
- (2) Term. The municipal court judge shall serve a term of four years. The initial appointment of a judge under this chapter shall expire December 31, 2000. On or before December 1, 2000, the mayor shall make an appointment of a judge for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2001, and expiring December 31, 2005. Appointments for each four-year term thereafter shall be made on or before December 1st of the year prior to the year in which the judicial term commences.
- (3) Judicial Qualifications. A person appointed as a part-time municipal judge shall be a citizen of the United States of America and of the state of Washington, and either:
 - (a) An attorney admitted to practice law before the courts of record of the state of Washington; or
 - (b) A nonlawyer who has passed the qualifying examination for lay judges for courts of limited jurisdiction.
- (4) Additional Judges. Additional part-time judges may be appointed as provided in this section, when the public interest and the administration of justice makes such additional judge or judges necessary.
- (5) Judges Pro Tem. ~~The mayor may, in writing, appoint judges pro tem who shall act in the absence or disability of the regular judge of the municipal court, or subsequent to the filing of an affidavit of prejudice. A pro tem judge's term of appointment shall also be specified in writing, but in any event shall not extend beyond the term of the appointing mayor. The judges pro tem shall be qualified to hold the position of judge of the municipal court as described in this section. The pro tem judges shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by ordinance of the city.~~ In addition to the designation of a presiding judge pro tempore for a single court pursuant to RCW 3.50.090,

the presiding Municipal Court Judge may designate one or more persons as judges pro tem to serve in their absence or when the administration of justice and the accomplishment of the work of the court make it necessary. Before entering on his or her duties, each judge pro tempore shall take, subscribe, and file an oath as is taken by the duly appointed judge. Such pro tempore judges shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by ordinance by the municipality in which the court is located and such compensation shall be paid by the municipality.

- (6) Vacancy. Any vacancy in the municipal court due to death, disability or resignation of a judge shall be filled by the mayor, for the remainder of the unexpired term. The appointed judge shall be qualified to hold the position of judge of the municipal court as provided in this section.
- (7) Removal. A municipal court judge shall only be removed upon conviction of misconduct or malfeasance in office, or because of physical or mental disability rendering the judge incapable of performing the duties of the office.
- (8) Oath. Every judge of the municipal court, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Buckley, according to the best of my ability.

The oath shall be filed in the office of the Pierce County auditor.

- (9) Bonds. Every municipal court judge shall give such bonds to the state and city for the faithful performance of the judge's duties as may be required by law or city ordinance.
- (10) Compensation. Pursuant to RCW [3.50.080](#), the compensation for municipal court judges shall be set by the city council by ordinance. The city shall enter into a contract with the appointed judge for professional services. (Ord. 01-00 § 1, 2000).

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication.

Introduced, passed, and approved this 14th day of October 2025.

Beau Burkett, Mayor

Attest:

Treva Zumeck, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Phil Olbrechts, City Attorney

PUBLISHED: _____

EFFECTIVE: _____

E. STAFF REPORTS



CITY OF BUCKLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT



October 14, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council
Fr: Eric Skogen, Fire Chief
Cc: Chris Banks, Interim City Administrator
Re: 3rd Quarter Fire Department Activity

The City of Buckley Fire Department wrapped up the 3rd Quarter of 2025 with 346 calls for service. This is a 13% decrease compared to the same time period last year when we handled 398 calls for service. Year to date, the Fire Department has responded to 1,119 incidents.

The Summer months are historically our busier time of year. While we assisted a number of neighboring departments with fire suppression, we were fortunate to have not experienced any fires resulting in property loss within the City of Buckley. The 4th of July Holiday was relatively calm and did not result in a significant increase in calls for service. There were no fireworks related incidents in the City of Buckley. Crews did however respond to a fireworks-related incident in the Town of Wilkeson. There were no injuries, but one structure did sustain moderate exterior damage. While our crews weren't responding to calls for service or training, they were participating in a number of community events. These included conducting various station tours, the Wilkeson Handcar Races, outreach at the Foothills Trail, Buckley Senior Center, Tuesday Night Market, and National Night Out in both Buckley and Wilkeson.



July 1st marked one year since we began staffing the Fire Station 24/7/365 with a Career Firefighter/EMT.

We are happy to report that this transition has paid huge dividends both internally for our own Volunteer members and externally for the community that we serve.

During the 3rd Quarter of 2025, there would have been a total of 148 hours of NO STAFFING had we not had Career personnel on shift at the Fire Station. This does not include certain periods of time when a Volunteer was on-shift but was not certified as a Driver and otherwise would not have been able to immediately respond in the event of an emergency.

Average Response Time to Priority Calls – City of Buckley

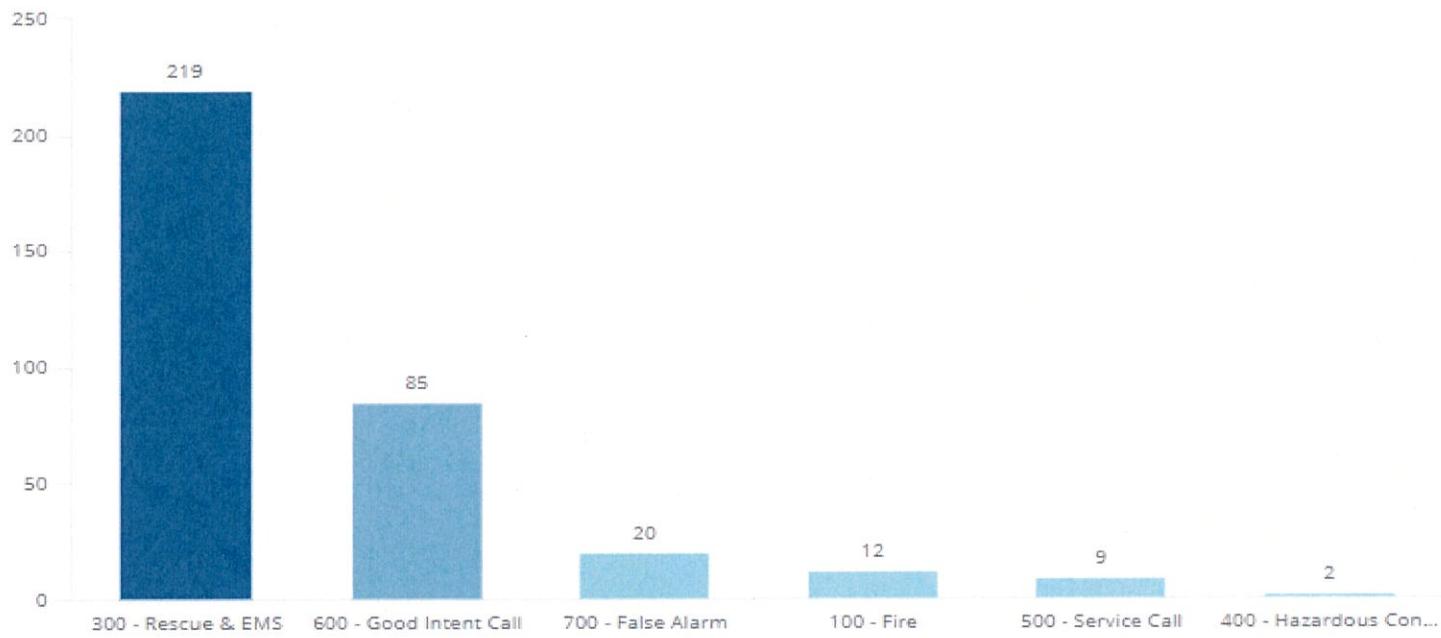


Our response times have also dramatically decreased over the last year. **The average response time to a priority call in the City of Buckley is currently 4 minutes, 11 seconds.**



3rd Quarter Incident Detail

Count of Incident Type



Count of Automatic and Mutual Aid

Breakdown of Aid Given/Received

