

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	July 1, 2024	
Name of Agenda Item:	Ord 24-1688 Amending LMC 17 and 19 regarding the city's Sign Regulations	
Section of Agenda:	Consent	
Department:	Community Development	
Council Committee Review:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Legal Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
Attachments:	Draft Ord 24-1688 Amending LMC 17 and 19 regarding the regulation of signs, PC Resolution 24-03, Planning Commission minutes of 5-9-24	
Summary Statement:	<p>Aware that some sections of the City's sign code were inconsistent with recent case law, staff have been working closely with legal counsel, Luke Phifer, to develop the proposed amendments that are included in this package. Generally, the revision does not alter the character of signs – that is the size, shape and location of signs used in the city - but close attention was given to the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of a substitution clause. • Inclusion of an exclusionary clause. • Clear directions on temporary signs including political speech. • Revision to portions of the special exemptions section that are not legally defensible. • Clarify the difference between off-premise signs (billboards) and shared plaza signs. <p>The code amendment was also a good opportunity to create a more concise and practical document. Repetitive sections were consolidated, and the code was reorganized so that descriptions of the approval process and prohibited signs appear at the beginning of the chapter rather than the end. Shifting entire sections to a location appear as significant deletions and additions in the tracked changes version of the code although the substance of the code was not significantly altered. See staff notes on the attached copy for additional details. The draft amendment went to a public hearing before the Planning Commission on May 9th. The resulting recommendation was to approve as presented. As a revision to our development code, the amendment was subsequently sent to the Department of Commerce for review and no comments were received. Council is asked to set the public hearing to consider the amendment.</p>	
Recommended Action:	Motion to set a public hearing date of August 5, 2024, to hear and consider Ord. 24-1688 which would amend the City's sign regulations.	