

# CITY OF LYNDEN



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	December 2, 2019	
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Ordinance No. 1598 - Fire Suppression Water Facilities and Service	
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Consent	
<b>Department:</b>	Finance	
<b>Council Committee Review:</b>	<input 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: _____
	<b>Legal Review:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
<b>Attachments:</b>		
Ordinance No. 1598 – Fire Suppression Water Facilities and Service		
<b>Summary Statement:</b>		
<p>RCW 70.315.030 expressly authorizes local governments to allocate and recover the costs of fire suppression water facilities and service from all customers as costs of complying with state laws and regulations, or from customers based on service to, benefits conferred upon, and burdens and impacts caused by various classes of customers, or both. The City, pursuant to Resolution No. 833, currently levies a two percent Fire Hydrant Maintenance Tax, assessed for the operation and maintenance of fire lines, fire hydrants and appurtenant facilities.</p> <p>The City of Lynden desires to rescind the aforementioned Fire Hydrant Maintenance Tax levied by Resolution No. 833 and <i>adopt by ordinance a broader fire suppression water facilities and service levy</i> pursuant to RCW 70.315.030.</p> <p>Lynden Municipal Code Chapter 3.30 and Section 3.30.010 are hereby added to the Lynden Municipal Code as follows:</p> <p><b>Chapter 3.30 – Fire Suppression Water Facilities and Service Tax</b>  <b>3.30.010 – Imposition of Fire Suppression Water Facilities and Service Tax.</b></p> <p>There is hereby levied an additional two percent (2%) fire suppression water facilities and service tax on the base and volumetric water meter charges established by City resolution pursuant to LMC 13.04, for the operation, maintenance, restoration, and improvement of fire suppression facilities and services.</p> <p>The Public Safety Committee reviewed the proposed Ordinance at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and gave approval for review and consideration by the full Council.</p>		
<b>Recommended Action:</b>		
For the City Council to approve Ordinance No. 1598 and authorize the Mayor’s signature.		