

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	December 2, 2019	
Name of Agenda Item:	Interlocal Agreement - Sales Tax Rebate for Affordable Housing	
Section of Agenda:	Consent	
Department:	Planning	
Council Committee Review:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Legal Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
Attachments:		
Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Amendment Between Whatcom County and the Cities of Whatcom County for the Purpose of Administering Funds Generated as a Result of RCW 36.22.178 and RCW 82.14.540		
Summary Statement:		
<p>On October 7, 2019 the Lynden City Council passed Resolution 1008 pursuant to Substitute House Bill 1406 authorizing Whatcom County to collect the City of Lynden’s portion of sales tax rebate intended for affordable housing programs.</p> <p>Recall that House Bill 1406 gives Lynden the opportunity to claim a certain percentage of the city’s gross sales tax to be applied toward affordable housing programs. This total is estimated to be \$23,000 annually if the City collected on its own. However, the Bill allows for twice that amount (\$46,000) to be refunded if the City signed its rebate over to Whatcom County. Having the County collect on the City’s behalf increases the funding but also cuts down on administrative costs associated with establishing a City-sponsored affordable housing program.</p> <p>The subsequent step is the execution of the attached interlocal agreement which addresses the use of funds. It amends and supersedes the original Interlocal Agreement dated January 5, 2004.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
Motion to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Amendment Between Whatcom County and the Cities of Whatcom County for the Purpose of Administering Funds Generated as a Result of RCW 36.22.178 and RCW 82.14.540 consistent with City of Lynden Resolution 1008.		