

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	August 18, 2025	
Name of Agenda Item:	A RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to take all steps necessary to prepare an ordinance for Council consideration that imposes a sales tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%)	
Section of Agenda:	New Business	
Department:	Administration	
Council Committee Review		Legal Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Works	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
Attachments		
Resolution 25-1129		
Fiscal Impact		
Amount: \$ ≈400,000	Included in the 2025 Budget?	
Source/Fund: Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments:		
Summary Statement		
<p>During the 2025 Legislative session, HB 2015 was adopted that increased funding for criminal justice in two ways: 1) a grant program to hire new officers, and 2) Council mantic authority to adopt a sales tax of 0.1% for criminal justice. The sales tax can be used hire, train, and retain officers; in addition, it may be used for court costs such as Domestic Violence Advocate, public defenders, or other court related costs.</p> <p>To pass an ordinance for the sales tax, or submit for the grant program, the city must apply to CJTC with all the required information. CJTC has 45 days to respond and cite any deficiencies to be corrected; following approval the city may adopt an ordinance for the sales tax and submit the notification to the Department of Revenue. The sales tax collection would begin the first of a quarter following the 75-day waiting period; this would be October 18, 2025 to go into effect January 2026.</p> <p>This Resolution would authorize the required information to be submitted to CJTC and if approved, bring an ordinance back to City Council for consideration.</p>		
Recommended Action		
Council should make motion to adopt Resolution 25-1129 and authorize the Mayor sign.		