

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - FINANCE



Meeting Date:	October 21, 2024	
Name of Agenda Item:	RES-24-1107 Increase to the Ambulance Utility Fee	
Section of Agenda:	Consent	
Department:	Finance	
Council Committee Review:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety		
<input checked="" 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:		
RES-24-1107		
Summary Statement:		
<p>On September 16, 2024, the Mayor presented to Council the possibility of increasing the Ambulance Utility fee as a way to increase revenues and re-coup some of the costs of having an Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Utility within the City.</p> <p>The current Ambulance Utility Fee was established in 2014 following a Cost of Service Study by the FCS Group of Redmond. At the time, the annual amount that could be charged per billing unit was \$143.93 or \$11.99 per month. The Council adopted a monthly rate of \$6.00 per billing unit.</p> <p>Lynden Municipal Code 13.32.070(D) authorizes the Finance Director to periodically perform a financial analysis of the City and recommend changes to the Council. Finance Director Scholl has performed an analysis of the current costs and revenue sources of the Ambulance Utility, as well as considered impacts of the growth in population and the current number of billing units. This analysis determined that the City could charge up to \$21 per monthly unit.</p> <p>The Mayor has incorporated an increase of \$6 to \$12.00 per billing unit into the 2025 Proposed Budget. It is estimated that this increase will provide an additional \$525,000 in revenues that will assist in offsetting the costs of having this utility.</p> <p>Should this resolution be approved, customers will be notified on their next billing cycle, and this rate would increase as of January 1, 2025.</p> <p>This was reviewed in Finance Committee on October 21, 2024</p>		
Recommended Action:		
That City Council approve Resolution No. 24-1107 Amending the Ambulance Utility Fee and authorize the Mayor's signature.		