## CITY OF LYNDEN

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee**



CDC Meeting Date:	January 10, 2024		
Name of Agenda Item:	Update to the Sign Code – LMC 19.33		
Section of Agenda:	Discussion		
Next Steps Proposed by Staff:			Legal Review:
☐ Staff revisions		☐ Planning Commission	⊠ Completed
⊠ Return to CDC		☐ Other Committees	☐ Recommended
☐ Schedule for full Council		☐ Other:	☐ Not Required
Attachments:			
Draft of proposed redlines to LMC 19.33			
Summary Statement:			

Aware that some sections of the City's sign code were inconsistent with recent case law, staff has been working closely with legal counsel, Luke Phifer, to develop the proposed amendments that are included in this package. Generally, the proposed amendment 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:

- 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.

The next step for the code amendment is to collect Council and Planning Commission feedback as well as public comment before this ordinance begins to move to the approval process in the coming months. Staff is aiming to have the code in place by early summer – ahead of the sign activity that will be generated by the presidential and local elections this fall.

## **Recommended Action:**

Discuss proposed changes to the City's sign code. Pose questions and provide feedback prior to final edits and public hearing on the topic.