

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	December 2, 2024	
Name of Agenda Item:	Ord 24-1699, Comp Plan Amend and Rezone-1 st Reformed Church	
Section of Agenda:	Public Hearing	
Department:	Community Development	
Council Committee Review:	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks</div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</div>
Legal Review:	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required</div>	
Attachments:	Draft Ord 24-1692, Comp Plan Amendment application 24-01 and supporting information, Tech Review Committee Report, Planning Commission minutes and Resolution	
Summary Statement:	<p>Ordinance 24-1699 has been drafted to reflect a proposal to shift property owned by the First Reformed Church from a residential land use to a commercial land use through a Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Simultaneously, the same ordinance would assign the property a new zoning classification of Commercial Services-Local (CSL) instead of Residential Multi-family, RM-2, to match adjacent parcels also owned by the applicant. The church's sanctuary is currently located within a CSL zone that fronts Grover Street. Other CSL properties are located immediately to the east of the subject property.</p> <p>First Reformed Church is pursuing the change to accommodate their growth plan which includes a new multi-use building meant to house educational and community functions associated with the church's mission. The shift to commercial rather than residential zoning will allow building designs to utilize commercial setbacks and building heights which would accommodate the scale of the needed facility.</p> <p>The Technical Review Committee and the Planning Commission completed their reviews of this proposal with recommendations to approve.</p>	
Recommended Action:	Motion to approve Ordinance 24-1699 which modifies the land use map of the City's Comprehensive Plan, revising the designation commercial and simultaneously rezones the property from RM-2 to CSL with an effective date of January 1, 2025, and to authorize the Mayor's signature on the ordinance.	