

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee



CDC Meeting Date:	March 19, 2025	
Name of Agenda Item:	Street Naming Process	
Section of Agenda:	Informational	
Next Steps Proposed by Staff:		Legal Review:
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff revisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
<input type="checkbox"/> Return to CDC	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Committees	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule for full Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required
Attachments:		
Street Naming Request Form, Proposed Street Name List circa 2003		
Summary Statement:		
<p>City Council has requested review of the street naming process.</p> <p>Street names for new streets are proposed to the city's GIS Analyst through a street name request form. This typically occurs in conjunction with a short or long plat. The city's subdivision code requires that plat applications include proposed street names. Names must be reviewed by What-Comm, our 911 dispatcher, to ensure that there are no street names within Whatcom County that are the same or similar. What-Comm can and does reject street names if they are not unique in order to prevent confusion during dispatch.</p> <p>Efforts were made in the past, perhaps the early 2000's, to create a list of potential street names. These names came from notable people in Lynden's history, Pacific Northwest themes, and naming contests. The resulting list is attached. This list has not been widely distributed because developers usually propose their own street names and the list of potential street names has not been verified as meeting What-Comm standards.</p>		
Recommended Action:		