

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee



<b>CDC Meeting Date:</b>	December 11, 2024	
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Comprehensive Plan – Gaps Analysis and Legislative Updates Needed	
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Discussion	
<b>Next Steps Proposed by Staff:</b>		<b>Legal Review:</b>
<input checked="" 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
<b>Attachments:</b>		
Policy Gaps Analysis Memo from BHC Consultants, Matrix of legislative changes needed		
<b>Summary Statement:</b>		
<p>The State of Washington has, in recent years, adopted a considerable number of legislative items which require the City of Lynden to make changes to our development code. Many of the associated deadlines for these changes were pushed out to 2026 due to the significant quantity of changes needed and potential that the State may alter the requirements ahead of the final deadline. Many of these changes are being required in an attempt to streamline permitting processes, reduce building costs and zoning obstacles, and ease housing affordability.</p> <p>The City’s consultant, as part of our Comprehensive Plan update, has drafted the Policy Gaps Analysis which is a detailed and broad view of updates needed in our Comp Plan and Development Code. Additionally, staff has created the attached matrix to show needed changes in a more condensed version.</p>		
<b>Recommended Action:</b>		
Discuss needed legislative updates and Council priorities.		