

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Scott Korthuis, Mayor  
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## CITY OF LYNDEN EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, a substantial fire threat exists as unmanaged grass, weeds, shrubs and trees on parcels 4003173554330000, 4003174004860000, 4003174674630000, 4003174803510000, 4003174952500000, 4003173503480000, 4003173453700000, 4003171783320000, 4003170632600000, 4003170753660000, 4003170594420000, 4003171214550000, 4003171515050000, 4003172014720000, 4003172504500000, and 4003172474280000 which are owned and operated by 18 Paradise, LLP, and;

WHEREAS, the threat is documented in a fuels analysis conducted by Fire Chief Mike Noonan and Assistant Chief Kristie Watson, which concludes that the current fuel loading will generate a 4.3-foot flame length that poses an immediate risk to health, safety, welfare, and property of Lynden citizens, particularly those living adjacent to the Homestead golf course, and;

WHEREAS, the risk increases daily as vegetation continues to grow and cure in advance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, and;

WHEREAS, 18 Paradise is under Civil Regulatory Order to immediately abate the threat, has acknowledged the order, and remains unresponsive more than fifteen days past the June 2, 2025 date of issue, and;

WHEREAS, this fire hazard constitutes an emergency as defined by the Whatcom County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and necessitates the utilization of powers granted pursuant to the City Emergency Management Plan and RCW 38.52.070(2); therefore,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR that an emergency exists in Lynden; therefore, City departments are authorized to do the following:

- (1) Enter contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency situations to protect further damage to property, and;
- (3) Take necessary actions to mitigate further property damage; and,
- (4) Other actions, as deemed appropriate by the City Administrator or his designee.

Each department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the exigencies of an emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements). This Proclamation shall remain in effect until the issuance of a Termination Proclamation by the Mayor.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025.

  
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Scott Korthuis, Mayor