CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	June 3, 2019	
Name of Agenda Item:	Set the Public Hearing for Ordinance 1580	
Section of Agenda:	Consent	
Department:	Planning Department	
Council Committee Review:		Legal Review:
⊠ Community Developme	ent Public Safety	☐ Yes - Reviewed
☐ Finance	☐ Public Works	☐ No - Not Reviewed
☐ Parks	☐ Other:	□ Review Not Required
Attachments:		
Draft Ordinance 1580, Staff Memo summarizing revisions.		

Summary Statement:

Ordinance 1580 is one of three ordinances which propose to update the residential design standards for the City of Lynden. Planning staff has worked closely with the Design Review Board, the Planning Commission, and Building Official to develop Chapter 19.22 and make a corresponding amendment to Chapter 18.

Ordinance 1580 specifically alters Chapter 18 to coordinate with the revisions in Chapter 19 and the addition of 19.22.

Although 19.22 is a new chapter in the Lynden Municipal Code, many of the design standards currently exist but repetitiously appear in each zoning category. Aside from the consolidation of standards, the amendments touch on site design, architecture, accessory structures, landscaping and screening, and street trees. The code also clarifies the path to seeking relief from the design standards which allows alternate designs to be considered and approved by the Design Review Board. Full review documents were provided to Council in the May 20th meeting package. (A more detailed summary of the amendments is included in the attached staff memo.)

On April 11 the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval of the attached code revision as represented by Ordinance 1580, 1581, and 1582.

Staff is proposing that the new design standards take effect on October 1, 2019 to allow time to inform residential developers, designers, and builders of the proposed changes.

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve Ordinance 1580 which amends Title 18 of the Lynden Municipal Code as part of the revisions to residential design standards and authorize the Mayor's signature on the document.