CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



| Meeting Date: | June 3, 2019 | |
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| Name of Agenda Item: | Public Hearing for Ordinance 1582 | |
| Section of Agenda: | Public Hearing | |
| Department: | Planning Department | |
| Council Committee Review: | | Legal Review: |
| ⊠ Community Developme | ent | ☐ Yes - Reviewed |
| ☐ Finance | ☐ Public Works | ☐ No - Not Reviewed |
| ☐ Parks | ☐ Other: | □ Review Not Required |
| Attachments: | | |
| Draft Ordinance 1582 including a recommended revision to 19.22.040 (page 8). | | |
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Summary Statement:

Ordinance 1582 is one of three ordinances which propose to update the residential design standards for the City of Lynden. Specifically, it adopts a new section of code, Chapter 19.22.

Planning staff has worked closely with the Design Review Board, the Planning Commission, and Building Official to develop Chapter 19.22 and make corresponding revisions to Chapter 18 and other sections of Chapter 19. Full review documents were provided to Council in the May 20th meeting package.

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.

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.

On May 29 the Community Development Committee met and recommended a clarification related to the front yard setback of detached garages. This revision would appear in LMC 19.22.040. The draft language is attached.

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 approve Ordinance 1582 as presented which amends Title 19 of the Lynden Municipal Code as part of the revisions to residential design standards and authorize the Mayor's signature on the document.