

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	November 3 rd , 2025	
Name of Agenda Item:	RES-25-1132 Update Ambulance Utility Rate	
Section of Agenda:	Public Hearing	
Department:	Finance	
Council Committee Review		Legal Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Works	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
Attachments		
2025 Ambulance Utility Cost of Service and Rate Study		
Fiscal Impact		
Amount: \$ \$775,000	Included in the 2025 Budget?	
Source/Fund: General Fund / EMS	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments:		
Summary Statement		
<p>RCW 35.21.766 requires that a City Council undergo a cost of service study prior to amending the rates charged for an Ambulance Utility. Tonight, the City Council will be presented an updated Ambulance Cost of Service & Rate Study. This study, prepared in collaboration between Fire, Finance and Administration, will provide a full update to the study performed by FCS Group in 2014, and will outline the current costs of having an Ambulance service in Lynden. This Cost of Service Study was also presented at Public Safety & Finance Committee meetings in October.</p> <p>Council is also presented with Resolution 25-1132 for consideration of increasing the Ambulance Utility fee to \$20 per unit for 2026 as included in the 2026 Preliminary budget. This would generated approximately \$1.8 Million, and increase in cost recovery of \$775,000.</p>		
Recommended Action		
Following the public hearing, Council can make a motion to approve RES-25-1132 to update the Ambulance Utility Fee for inclusion in the 2026 budget and authorize the Mayor's signature.		