CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee



CDC Meeting Date:	October 21, 2020	
Name of Agenda Item:	Discuss Parking Code Revisions	
Section of Agenda:	Discussion	
Next Steps Proposed by ☐ Staff revisions ☐ Return to CDC ☐ Schedule for full Counc	☐ Planning Commission☐ Other Committees	Legal Review: ☐ Completed ☐ Recommended ☑ Not Required
Attachments:		
LMC 19.51 – Off Street Parking code with staff comments.		
Summary Statement:		
City Council members have recently requested that the City's parking code be reviewed to determine if it is serving the needs of the community. Concerns about streets congested with parked vehicles seems to be one of the reasons for the requested review. It may be useful to first discuss what aspects of residential parking may be of issue. Code related to off-		
street parking does not speak to what sort of on-street parking is required. Is on-street parking a problem?		
If on-street parking is determined to be a problem does the Council believe that revisions to off-street parking requirements are the solution? Or, does the availability of on-street parking create an incentive for residents to park on the street rather than in their garages or driveways. Are there areas of enforcement that may be useful in solving on-street parking congestion if that is determined to be a problem?		
Attached is the code section on off-street parking so that Committee members can identify areas of concern. Staff has noted sections which would benefit from clarification or revision. This includes increasing the parking required for age-restricted housing from 1 per unit to 1.5 per unit and other areas that should be clarified or improved.		
Recommended Action:		
Discussion related to (1.) Is there a parking problem? (2.) What is the problem? (3.) Possible solutions.		