CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee

CDC Meeting Date:	May 22, 2024		
Name of Agenda Item:	Special Events Code Amendment – LMC 5.30		
Section of Agenda:	Discussion		
Next Steps Proposed by Staff:			Legal Review:
□ Staff revisions		Planning Commission	
Return to CDC		Other Committees	Recommended
Schedule for full Council		□ Other:	⊠ Not Required
Attachments:			

Draft of proposed redlines to LMC 5.30 (following May Public Safety)

Summary Statement:

The City Council will be asked to hear and consider a proposed amendment to the Lynden Municipal Code. The amendment would shift language regarding Parades and Special Events from the Criminal Code in Title 9 to Title 5 – Business Licenses and Regulation. The amended language clarifies regulations, permit process, and approval authority for events that may have an impact on a neighborhood and/or on public services. The revised code now includes three tiers of events depending on the impact created by each event.

The code will continue to regulate the activities associated with private "Dance Permits" but would categorize them as Tier 1 or Tier 2 Special Events depending on their characteristics. The revised code does <u>not</u> modify LMC 5.04 which prohibits dancing and the sale of intoxicating beverages at commercial establishments.

In association with the code revision staff have also been updating the application to ensure that proposals include all the necessary information such as insurance and site maps or routes. The application will also include detailed instructions and resources for securing insurance for private events.

This item was recently reviewed at the May Public Safety Committee meeting and several edits were suggested. These are shown as redlines in the attached version. This amendment is slated to go before the Council on June 3rd.

Recommended Action:

None required.