

CITY OF LYNDEN



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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| Meeting Date: | May 15, 2023 | |
| Name of Agenda Item: | Ordinance 23-1668 adding LMC Title 10.17 | |
| Section of Agenda: | Unfinished Business | |
| Department: | Administration | |
| Council Committee Review: | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| | | Legal Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required |
| Attachments: | Ordinance 23-1668 | |
| Summary Statement: | <p>Discussion arose in the Public Safety Committee to allow the City and other public entities (including school districts) to use wheeled all-terrain vehicles (WATV), also known as utility terrain vehicle (UTV) for maintenance purposes on city streets with a speed of 35 mph or less. These vehicles must be owned and operated by a public entity and meet all the safety requirements of the state RCW, meet the additional requirements of LMC 10.17, and must be inspected annually by the Lynden Police Department.</p> <p>The Public Safety Committee reviewed this ordinance at its April 6th meeting and recommended taking the ordinance to City Council for approval. At the April 17th meeting Council referred it back to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion. After further review, it was determined that there is not a method to adopt a broader definition beyond ‘public entities’ without adopting the entire RCW and allowing everyone the use on City streets. The Public Safety Committee is not in favor of that. There was further discussion that allowances can be made for events for the use of a UTV via a special event permit. The special event permitting process is under review by city staff.</p> | |
| Recommended Action: | It is recommended that Council make a motion to adopt ordinance 23-1668 and authorize the Mayor’s signature. | |