CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Community Development Committee



CDC Meeting Date:	January 19, 2022		
Name of Agenda Item:	Moratorium and Mixed-Use		
Section of Agenda:	Discussion		
Next Steps Proposed by Staff:			Legal Review:
Staff revisions		Planning Commission	⊠ Completed
Return to CDC		Other Committees	Recommended
□ Schedule for full Council		□ Other:	□ Not Required
Attachments:			

None at this time. Presentation slides available following the meeting.

Summary Statement:

The City Council has enacted an interim moratorium on the construction of new residential units within the Commercial Services – Local (CSL) zoning category.

The moratorium will allow for City staff and Council an opportunity to review how residential development within the CSL properties is affecting the City's housing goals. It also gives staff, Council, and stakeholders an opportunity to review the feasibility of mixed-use projects in today's retail and housing market.

At the January 19th Community Development Committee meeting, Heidi Gudde, the Planning Director, will present a concept that proposes to implement a mixed-use zoning overlay in strategic locations within the City. The overlay would target areas that are along significant transportation corridors and near existing retail centers. Development standards within the overlay would account for a decrease demand for retail uses but provide flexibility to have a retail presence. New development standards would also require amenities that contribute to a higher quality of life for residents within mixed-use projects.

The Committee meeting will also have a dedicated time during which attendees can provide feedback to the Council and staff regarding the moratorium action and the concepts presented.

If the Committee finds the concept to have merit, then staff can begin the process of drafting code language to be reviewed in subsequent workshops and Council committee meetings.

Recommended Action:

Discuss and provide feedback.