## CITY OF LYNDEN

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee



CDC Meeting Date:	January 19, 2022		
Name of Agenda Item:	LMC	19.51 Parking - Update	
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			

## **Summary Statement:**

Upon request of CDC, staff has been investigating changes to the City's off street parking code (LMC 19.51). This chapter establishes standards for parking space requirements for development projects in the City.

In general, Lynden's current parking requirements are comparable to other cities of the same size. Our standard parking space size requirement (9 x 21) is the largest space of any city that I've found. Larger cities are tending to de-emphasize parking requirements to incentivize other modes of transportation. For the most part, Lynden does not have public transit options that warrant lower space requirements.

The greatest parking conflict seems to be for larger multifamily developments in town (those with greater than 25 units), especially if those developments are not in a location where street parking is readily available.

Below are some of the changes which staff is requesting CDC feedback:

- Remove the parking reduction requirement for multi-family developments with greater than 25 units
- Multi-family units with more than 2 bedrooms will require 1 space / bedroom
- Remove the "senior" parking incentive update will be 2 per unit regardless of age restrictions
- Remove parking reduction options for Low Impact Development (LID)
- Required handicap parking spots do not count toward the total development requirement
- Rework the shared parking standards for clarification the update would put the onus on the applicant (through a parking study and development agreement) to show how the shared agreement will work.
- Adjust parking counts to take into account the availability or lack of availability of on-street parking.
- Reduce standard parking stall size to 9 x 19, remove compact standard
- Clarify downtown exceptions include the area between Judson Alley and Grover St. What about new construction in this location?

## **Recommended Action:**

Discuss and provide feedback. Staff will incorporate feedback in a redlined draft to be reviewed at Feb CDC meeting.