CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee



CDC Meeting Date:	February 23, 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
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Attachments:

Red-lined parking code (LMC 19.51)

Summary Statement:

Staff is proposing red-lined changes to the City's current parking code. The impetus behind this change was briefly discussed in the Executive Summary for the January 19 CDC meeting. At that meeting, CDC did not formally discuss these proposed changes. This month, staff is including a red-lined draft of the parking code to further this discussion. Many of the proposed changes are to simplify and clarify the existing language of the chapter. Changes to the "Parking Spaces Required" table are those that will affect the actual number of parking spots on a particular property.

Below are some of the proposed changes of which staff would particularly request that CDC take note:

- Removed the parking requirement reduction for multi-family developments with greater than 25 units
- Multi-family units with more than 2 bedrooms would require 1 space / bedroom. If it can be shown that there is off street parking available this could be reduced to 2 per unit regardless of # of bdrms.
- Removed the "senior" parking incentive update will be 2 per unit regardless of age restrictions. Assisted living institutions are treated differently.
- Removed parking reduction options for Low Impact Development (LID)
- The required handicap parking spots would not count toward the total residential development requirement.
- Reworked 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.
- Reduced the standard parking stall size to 9 x 19, removed the compact standard so there is just one parking stall size.
- Expanded the downtown area to include the area between Judson Alley and Grover St. There are specific parking standards for this area with the intent to incentivize redevelopment in this area.

Recommended Action:

Discuss and provide feedback. Staff will finalize changes to move forward to the Planning Commission and eventually to Council for final approval.