

CITY OF LYNDEN



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March 6, 2023	
Name of Agenda Item:	Ord 23-1666 –Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance regarding Community Residential Facilities (Substitute to Ord 1661)	
Section of Agenda:	New Business	
Department:	Planning Department	
Council Committee Review:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input 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:	Ord 1666 –Emergency Interim Zoning Ord regarding Community Residential Facilities	
Summary Statement:	<p>On December 5, 2022 the City Council adopted Ord 1661, an emergency interim zoning ordinance pertaining to the prohibition of the establishment of community residential facilities within 500 feet of the City’s schools and within 300 feet of other community residential facilities. This ordinance is set to expire on March 15, 2023.</p> <p>While under the provisions of Ord 1661, city staff, the Planning Commission, and Community Development Committee have been developing the final ordinance pertaining to community residential facilities which will amend Chapter 17 and 19 of the Lynden Municipal Code. This has come forward as Ord 1665 and represents a significant legislative document affecting group housing, emergency and transitional housing, supportive housing, short term rentals, and the conditional use process.</p> <p>Given the breadth of information Ord 23-1665 includes, the Council may opt to continue the hearing to a later date to accommodate public comment or Council deliberation. In this event the Council will likely move to extend the interim zoning provisions put in place by Ord 1661 through the proposed Ord 23-1666. Per State code this extension may be six months in length but discontinued earlier if desired.</p> <p>A public hearing on this emergency extension is required within 60 days of this decision to extend.</p>	
Recommended Action:	Motion to approve Ord 23-1666 which substitutes and extends the provisions of interim zoning Ord 1661 regarding Community Residential Facilities and authorize the Mayor’s signature on the document, and additionally direct staff to set a public hearing on this action within 60 days of today.	