

**RESOLUTION NO. 804**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LYNDEN, WASHINGTON, TO ADOPT GROWTH PROJECTIONS NECESSARY TO PLAN FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.70A.110 of Washington's Growth Management Act and related laws require cities to plan for urban growth over a 20 year period; and,

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.70A.100 requires that comprehensive plans and population projections for each city must be coordinated and consistent with the comprehensive plan and population projections adopted by the county; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Growth Management Act requires Whatcom County and all the cities in the County to update their respective comprehensive plans by December 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County is under order of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board to complete the ten year review of the urban growth areas by June 30, 2009, and Lynden is providing Whatcom County with a population projection for the twenty year period of 2009 to 2029; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lynden recognizes that it is necessary to plan for growth, but finds that the City's primary goal is to manage growth in order to protect the unique and special character of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Growth Management Coordinating Council, consisting of elected representatives from each jurisdiction, was formed to aid consistency and coordination of planning under growth management; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynden, the other cities and Whatcom County have worked together to develop new 20 year county-wide growth forecasts and allocation of growth to existing urban growth areas and rural areas within Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lynden Planning Commission and the Lynden City Council held a joint work session to discuss growth of population and employment, past and present, for the City of Lynden and scheduled a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, after consideration of regional and local factors affecting future growth within the Lynden area; the county-wide growth projections and historical allocations of that growth completed by Berk and Associates, the Planning Commission and City Council agreed that utilization of a modest growth rate, consistent with past trends and adopted plans was appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lynden City Council held a public hearing on April 6, 2009, to accept public comment on the projected growth of population and employment to 2029; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of these growth projections is a necessary first step in an update of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynden's update of the Comprehensive Plan will also include activities designed to help the community accommodate the anticipated growth while maintaining the community's character and spirit;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL:**

1. For the purpose of Whatcom County's ten year urban growth area review and revision, the City of Lynden recommends a population projection of 18,121 persons and 8,059 employees in 2029;
2. For the purpose of the City of Lynden's seven year comprehensive plan update in 2011, the City of Lynden will adopt a population of 19,027 for the year 2031 and 8,385 employees; and

3. The growth projections hereby adopted by this resolution are for planning purposes, and are not a goal to be achieved by the City; and
4. The primary objective of the City is to maintain the unique and special character of the Lynden community while accommodating a reasonable rate of growth.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LYNDEN,  
WASHINGTON ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2009, AND SIGNED BY THE  
MAYOR ON THE SAME DAY.**

  
MAYOR JACK LOUWS

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK WILLIAM VERWOLF

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT CARMICHAEL