

RESOLUTION NO. 809

A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL OF THE 2009 DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden vision statement clearly states that the predominate objective is for Lynden to retain its community spirit, small town atmosphere and Agricultural roots; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden adopted their first Design Review Standards and Guidelines in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Design Review Board determined that it was an appropriate time to update the Design Review Standards and Guidelines in order to provide a clear aesthetic goal for Lynden, and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Standards and Guidelines are a tool to help direct future development within the City toward projects that reflect the values and character of the Lynden Community.

WHEREAS, as the City continues to grow, design review will play an important role in preserving and enhancing the “small town” atmosphere that citizens have addressed as an important aspect of the community.

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board held numerous public work sessions discussing the proposed changes and design concepts, and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2009, the Lynden Planning Commission held a joint work session with the Design Review Board to review the Design Standards and Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden published a legal notice of public hearing on the proposed Design Review Standards and Guidelines in the Lynden Tribune on April 1, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Lynden Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 16, 2009, at the Lynden City Hall Annex, 205 4th Street, Lynden, Washington, to accept public testimony on the proposed City of Lynden Design Standards and Guidelines, and that meeting was duly published and recorded; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden published a legal notice of public hearing on the proposed Design Review Standards and Guidelines in the Lynden Tribune on July 1, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Lynden City Council held a public hearing on the proposed Design Review Standards and Guidelines on July 20, 2009, at their regularly scheduled Council meeting;

Based on the foregoing proceedings and record thereof the City Council hereby enters the following findings:

1. The City of Lynden is desirous of securing for its residents an attractive living environment and high quality of life; and
2. The City of Lynden encourages site and building designs that promote and enhance public safety, character, physical activity and interaction; and
3. The document will provide adequate standards and guidelines to ensure the aesthetic character of Lynden will be upheld and maintained as noted in the vision statement and as desired by the citizens of Lynden; and

4. The City of Lynden has determined that the standards and guidelines established in this document are necessary to achieve well designed projects that reflect the values and character of the Lynden Community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lynden City Council hereby approves the Design Standards and Guidelines as recommended by the Lynden Planning Commission by a vote of 7-0.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, 6 IN FAVOR 0 AGAINST, AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2009.


MAYOR JACK LOUWS

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK WILLIAM VERWOLF

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT CARMICHAEL