

# City of Redmond



## Agenda Study Session

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
7:00 PM**

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## AGENDA

### ROLL CALL

1. City of Redmond 2024 State Legislative Agenda

*Department: Executive, 50 minutes*

[Attachment A: Draft 2024 State Legislative Agenda](#)

[Attachment B: Adopted 2023 State Legislative Agenda](#)

[Attachment C: 2024 State Legislative Agenda](#)

[Presentation](#)

2. 2023 Development User Fee Study Update and Parks User Fee Study Update

*Department: Finance, 30 minutes*

[Attachment A: User Fees Studies Presentation](#)

[Appendix A: Parks Activity and Facility Use Policy](#)

#### Legislative History

9/12/23

Committee of the Whole -  
Finance, Administration,  
and Communications

referred to the City Council Study Session

3. Redmond 2050: Phase 2 Policies

*Department: Planning and Community Development, 60 minutes*

[Attachment A: Council Questions and Input](#)

[Attachment B: Presentation Slides](#)

#### Legislative History

10/3/23

City Council

referred to the City Council Study Session

4. Council Talk Time

*10 minutes*

### ADJOURNMENT



## Memorandum

**Date:** 10/10/2023  
**Meeting of:** City Council Study Session

**File No.** SS 23-059  
**Type:** Study Session

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Executive	Amy Tsai	Chief Policy Advisor
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**TITLE:**

City of Redmond 2024 State Legislative Agenda

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Council is requested to review and provide input on the draft City of Redmond 2024 State Legislative Agenda. The legislative agenda identifies the City's top priority issues and other policy issues the City supports or opposes. The legislative agenda guides the City's work with our state legislators and day-to-day work before and during the session.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☐ **Receive Information**      ☒ **Provide Direction**      ☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
RMC 2.80 Representation of City to Legislative Bodies
- **Required:**  
N/A
- **Council Request:**  
This is the first hearing on the state legislative agenda (Attachment 1). The Council is requested to review and provide input. The 2024 Legislative Session will begin January 8, 2024. It is the second year of the 2023-2025 biennium and the session is scheduled to last 60 days. The 2023 adopted state legislative agenda is included for reference (Attachment 2).

The state legislative agenda serves three main purposes: (1) it communicates the City's top priorities and funding requests to the legislature, (2) it provides policy guidance for City positions on bills and informs allocation of staff resources during session, and (3) it tells a story to the state legislature about Redmond and why City issues deserve support.

To achieve these three purposes, the State Legislative Agenda draft this year is streamlined. It contains narrative introductions for each section that highlight City achievements and policy priorities, followed by shorter bullets identifying support/oppose/monitor positions (all “support” positions this year). The Guiding Principles document is removed; concepts are reflected in the main document where relevant to specific issues. The statement of support for the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and Sound Cities Association (SCA) is removed. It is important to note that the City continues to support AWC and SCA, but we will express that support via working with these partners during session on matters of mutual interest.

Top priority asks:

- **Idylwood Park Accessibility Improvements** - \$500,000 is requested to assist with expanding parking lot capacity at Idylwood Park, including ADA and multimodal improvements. The total expected cost of the project is \$4 million.
- **Electric Fire Engine Charging Infrastructure** - The City is requesting an amount to-be-determined for charging infrastructure for the City’s (and State’s) first electric fire engine. A proposed amount is being developed by staff and will be provided to Council prior to final action. The City received a state grant for part of the cost of the engine and is presently in the running for federal funding assistance depending on the final federal budget adoption. These sources help defray the cost of an electric engine which is more expensive than a diesel engine.
- **148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE/SR 520 Bicycle Pedestrian Overpass Prioritization** - The City received \$8 million in the 2022 Move Ahead Washington (MAW) transportation package, but the funds are scheduled to be allocated in future biennia, post-2029. Because MAW funding is tight, the ask serves to keep the project on state legislators’ radar for future funding, but does not make a specific request for this short session.
- **Other Key Facts:**  
As a working document that guides staff and lobbying resources during session, the state legislative agenda must be flexible enough to respond to the many potential variations of bills that may occur on a given topic, and specific enough to inform City positions. For topics that the City supports, the City position is informed by prior adopted City policies such as the Community Strategic Plan, Housing Action Plan, and Environmental Sustainability Action Plan. When there is an area of significant interest on which Councilmembers may disagree, the agenda will benefit from clear direction provided by Council.

As in prior years, two-way communication on any activities in Olympia is important for coordinating efforts. Our City lobbyist will continue to provide weekly updates during session.

#### **OUTCOMES:**

The City’s legislative session advocacy potentially results in state funding for projects identified in the State Legislative Agenda. The State Legislative Agenda provides a roadmap for the City to successfully advance top priority requests, and it focuses attention on policy areas to monitor, support, or oppose that may be considered by the state legislature and that could have a positive or negative impact on the City of Redmond and the Redmond community.

#### **COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
N/A

- Feedback Summary:  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

Total Cost:  
N/A

Approved in current biennial budget: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:  
N/A

Budget Priority:  
N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

***If yes, explain:***

Funding may be provided by the State for Redmond projects on the City's State Legislative Agenda. The proposed 2024 State Legislative agenda includes a funding request of \$500,000 for Idylwood Park accessibility improvements and a request for electric fire engine charging infrastructure in an as-yet-to-be-determined amount.

Funding source(s):  
N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:  
N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
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**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/24/2023	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Provide Direction
11/6/2023	Business Meeting	Approve

**Time Constraints:**

The 2024 Legislative Session begins on January 8, 2024. To effectively advocate for the City's Legislative agenda, the agenda should be approved by Council this winter. Depending on discussion and questions remaining, the Council could choose to finalize discussion at Committee of the Whole on Oct. 24 and take Council final action on November 6, or else it could discuss at greater length at a study session on Nov. 28 and plan on final action at the December 5, 2023, business meeting. This timeline will allow state lobbying efforts to commence in earnest in a timely manner.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

The City will not be effective in lobbying for the items on the City's Legislative Agenda if the agenda is not approved in a timely manner.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Draft 2024 State Legislative Agenda 10-10-23

Attachment B: Adopted 2023 State Legislative Agenda

Attachment C: 2024 State Legislative Agenda Presentation

# 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## About Redmond

The City of Redmond has a population of 77,000, and in pre-pandemic times, experienced a daytime working population of over 130,000. Urban life and the outdoors come together in one of the fastest-growing cities in the state. We are home to a thriving technology and space industry, Eastside supportive services, and business incubators. The City actively partners in regional and state conversations, bringing housing, environment, and other experiences and expertise to the table. Redmond requests state support to keep our communities livable, walkable, safe, and sustainable.



## Top Funding and Legislative Requests



### Idylwood Park Accessibility Improvements

**Redmond seeks \$500,000 to help expand the capacity of the parking lot, incorporate ADA improvements, and make multimodal enhancements.**

Idylwood Park is one of the City's most heavily used community parks and the only municipal park with access to waterfront recreation. The parking lot serving the park is frequently beyond capacity, often compelling users to park across a busy multilane thoroughfare, which reduces safety and accessibility. The City of Redmond has committed \$723,516 thus far for design and construction of this \$4 million project for an expanded facility that supports multimodal access. State funding assistance would support the City's Vision Zero commitment and ADA Transition Plan.



### Electric Fire Engine Charging Infrastructure

**Redmond seeks \$XXXX,000 to invest in necessary electric infrastructure.**

Redmond is at the forefront of sustainable emergency response in acquiring the State's first electric fire engine. A state grant generously contributed to this pioneering initiative, but the cost of an electric engine is approximately double that of a diesel engine. This investment will support Redmond and serve as a model for other cities in Washington state and beyond. Electric fire engines not only offer clean technology; they have operational efficiencies, reduce maintenance costs, and contribute to the health of our firefighters and the communities they serve. The City requests the State continue investing in this groundbreaking project, setting a precedent for a cleaner, more efficient future in emergency response.



### 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE/SR 520 Bicycle Pedestrian Overpass Prioritization

**We are in the process of seeking funding opportunities and will need the State's partnership to align funding in upcoming years.**

The Legislature appropriated \$8 million in the 2022 Move Ahead Washington transportation package for this project and scheduled the funds to be allocated in "future biennia," post-2029. The project continues to be a top priority for mobility and safety of the Redmond community. It will allow pedestrians to safely cross State Route 520 in the Overlake Urban Center, one of the largest job centers in the Puget Sound region with a capacity for 70,000 jobs. The construction trajectory for this project aligns with the timing of anticipated growth. Future state support will be critical.



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# 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## Supported Issues



### Housing

*Redmond looks forward to continuing to share our expertise in statewide dialogue on the affordable housing crisis. We are a regional partner on housing solutions, including transit-oriented development, housing trust fund affordable housing projects, and building complete neighborhoods. Redmond is a statewide leader in inclusionary zoning. Redmond's longstanding inclusionary zoning regulations apply to most areas of the city and have contributed to the creation of 1,127 cost-controlled affordable housing units. Under HB 1220, Redmond's residential growth target is 20,000 new homes between 2019 and 2044, with almost 75% of those units serving households making 0 to 50% of the area median income. The City supports proposals that preserve, improve, and expand housing stock; increase housing choices for people at all income levels and abilities; and eliminate racially exclusive and discriminatory land use and housing practices. Redmond supports legislation that is consistent with Redmond's Comprehensive Plan, Housing Action Plan, and Community Strategic Plan.*

#### **Redmond supports:**

- Housing affordability, production, anti-displacement, and statewide tenant protections
- Condominium liability reform and other measures to increase production
- Permit streamlining and city and trade workforce development to improve the housing development pipeline
- Recognizing on-the-ground impacts and city resource constraints, and allowing time for cities to successfully implement recent state housing and land use legislation

### Environment Sustainability

*Redmond takes effective local action with state funding and supports state efficiencies in local climate funding. The City is working toward net-zero emissions by 2050 via a comprehensive Environmental Sustainability Action Plan that frames necessary actions as climate change consequences escalate. Redmond is a champion of clean water, as Redmond has a uniquely shallow aquifer. As a leader in equitable building decarbonization and other sustainability programs, Redmond has an aggressive environmental action plan to put into action with state dollars.*

#### **Redmond supports:**

- Decarbonization, green building, and renewable energy sources
- Investments in building and fleet electrification and charging infrastructure
- Effective and efficient distribution of Climate Commitment Act, Inflation Reduction Act, and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law dollars
- Culvert, fish, and habitat funding
- State funding for vegetation management and tree canopy preservation and expansion
- Stormwater and clean water funding
- State action plans, funding, and technical assistance for the potentially devastating impacts of PFAS introduced into city water systems
- Waste stream reduction and statewide extended producer responsibility
- Climate resiliency and wildfire response

### Planning and Infrastructure

*Time and funding are critical to successfully implement the old and new Growth Management Act requirements. Redmond consistently ranks among the fastest growing cities in the state and in the nation. In the next few years, the City*

will welcome four new light rail stations. The City is investing in multimodal transportation, trail connections, and incoming light rail stations to increase walkability, livability, and sustainability.

**Redmond supports:**

- Increased funding for the Public Works Assistance Account, other grants, and financing tools for local needs, such as establishing a state public bank
- Increased funding for pavement preservation
- Improving road safety and achieving Vision Zero objectives
- Funding for parks, trails, and recreation maintenance, operations, and acquisitions, including Recreation and Conservation Office grants

## General Government

*Redmond encourages the State to identify reforms to the tax system that provide progressive, equitable, stable, and reliable revenue sources to meet the needs of state and local government.* Giving cities local option flexibility with revenue streams is critical to accomplishing state priorities such as meeting the state-provided housing targets. When there are new state mandates, ensuring corresponding funding is critical for City financial sustainability.

**Redmond supports:**

- Tax reform, including local options to exceed the 1% annual property tax growth limit
- Increasing flexibility for local revenue streams, including real estate excise tax revenues
- Tools and efficiencies to address public records request costs while maintaining transparency
- Flexibility in state recording requirements for digital and paperless records
- Tools that protect voting rights and equitable access to voting
- Minding City fiscal impacts of labor regulations, such as the state Paid Family Medical Leave Act

## Community Vitality

*Redmond supports the State's critical funding of health and human services and crisis care facilities.* As the City grows, so, too, does its need to provide living wage jobs, employment training, and human and social services. Redmond actively engages with Eastside and regional partners in support of regional solutions to address and support individuals experiencing homelessness.

**Redmond supports:**

- Affordable childcare
- Small business assistance programs and small business financial support
- Funding for the Housing Essential Needs Program and other subsidized housing solutions
- Investments in human services programs and workforce
- Investments in workforce reskilling and work-based learning opportunities
- Investments in behavioral health services and facilities
- Funding and access to healthcare that respects rights, such as gender-affirming care and abortion rights

## Public Safety

*The City has significant capital needs and workforce shortages that will continue to put pressure on public safety services.* One-time funding has balanced the City's current budget, but structural gaps have expenses outpacing revenues. The City works to provide a safe community while also ensuring transparency, accountability, and innovation.

**Redmond supports:**

- Safe neighborhoods and adequately resourced policing
- Criminal justice reform to ensure transparency and accountability
- Funding for alternative treatment and implementing new state laws on possession of controlled substances
- Gun safety

# 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



## Top Funding and Legislative Requests



### Relocation of Evans Creek to Restore Salmon Habitat

Redmond requests \$1.761 million to rechannel Evans Creek away from industrial development where it is exposed to untreated runoff, reestablishing a flood plain, and restoring wild Coho and Chinook salmon habitat. The rechanneling will restore a riparian buffer and establish recreational trail opportunities, including the addition of two ADA-compliant pedestrian bridges. Developed in consultation with tribal groups to consider impacts on fisheries and cultural resources, this multi-million-dollar project has several project funding partners.



### Phasing of 148th Ave NE Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass Funding

Redmond appreciates Move Ahead Washington's \$8 million allocation to a 148th Avenue NE bicycle/pedestrian path over SR 520 in Overlake - the third largest jobs center in the Puget Sound region. The project will provide this growing transit-oriented neighborhood with a key multimodal connection between home and work along a roadway carrying 50,000 daily cars. The City requests that funding be delivered as follows:

- \$750,000 in 2023-2025 for alternatives analysis
- \$4.25 million in 2025-2027 for commencement of design
- \$3 million in 2027-2029 including Right of Way work, with construction beginning in 2029-2031



### Transportation Impact Fee Revenue Flexibility

Transportation impact fees fund new or expanded public facilities to accommodate increased demand stemming from development. Under current law, transportation impact fees may be spent on sidewalk, bike, and pedestrian infrastructure that is connected to a roadway. Redmond requests legislation clarifying that impact fee revenue can be used for bicycle and pedestrian corridors that are separated from a roadway but serve as multimodal commute routes.

# 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## Support/Oppose/Monitor Issues



### Housing

- **Housing Affordability, Production, and Placement:** The City supports housing legislation aimed to preserve, improve, and expand housing stock; increase housing choice for people at all income levels and abilities; and eliminate racially exclusive and discriminatory land use and housing practices. Redmond supports housing legislation that is consistent with Redmond's Comprehensive Plan, Housing Action Plan, and Community Strategic Plan.

### Environment Sustainability

- **Decarbonization:** Redmond has declared a climate emergency and adopted an environmental sustainability plan outlining a long-term strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Redmond encourages the State to advance proposals that decarbonize the economy through carbon reduction, including electrification, green building, renewable energy sources, and adding addressing climate change as a Growth Management Act (GMA) planning goal.
- **Culvert, Fish, and Habitat Funding:** Redmond encourages the State to invest in state and local culvert, floodplain, and fish habitat projects to open habitat for salmon and other wildlife on a watershed basis.
- **Stormwater and Clean Water Requirements:** Redmond encourages the State to invest in stormwater projects to help jurisdictions meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit obligations. Redmond will monitor proposals pertaining to PFAS and clean water standards.
- **Waste Stream Reduction:** Redmond supports proposals, such as extended producer responsibility, to reduce inputs into the waste stream.
- **Climate Resiliency:** Redmond supports statewide efforts on climate resiliency, including enhancing wildfire response and equipment.

### Finance

- **Tax Reform:** Redmond encourages the State to identify reforms to the tax system that provide progressive, equitable, stable, and reliable revenue sources to meet the needs of state and local government, including allowing local jurisdictions to have the option to increase the property tax levy with inflation (CPI-W) instead of the current 1% annual growth limit.
- **Local Revenues:** Redmond supports protecting and enhancing state-shared revenues. Additionally, Redmond supports enhanced flexibility in expending local revenue streams, such as local real estate excise tax revenues.
- **Unfunded Mandates:** Redmond opposes legislation that establishes a new local mandate unless corresponding funding is provided.

### General Government

- **Modernize City Operations:** Redmond supports legislation that allow city operations to modernize with advancing technologies and transition to digital/paperless systems.
- **Local Control:** Redmond urges the Legislature to honor local decision-making authority. The City serves as the government closest to the people and is most responsive to the community in meeting its needs.
- **Public Records Act (PRA) and Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA):** Redmond is committed to openness and transparency. The City will monitor amendments to the PRA and OPMA, and support funding proposals that relieve administrative burdens.
- **Conservation District Elections:** Redmond supports proposals reforming conservation district elections to address the timing of elections and supervisor terms.
- **Chinese American History Month:** Redmond supports legislation declaring January as Chinese American History Month.
- **Labor Regulations:** Redmond will monitor proposals making changes to the state Paid Family Medical Leave Act, and other labor-related regulations to ensure proper implementation.

# 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## Support/Oppose/Monitor Issues



### Community Vitality

- **Childcare:** Redmond supports funding and programs to increase opportunities for affordable childcare.
- **Homelessness:** Redmond supports programs and solutions that address root causes of homelessness and provide a path toward stability. This includes support for maintaining or increasing funding for the Housing Essential Needs Program and other subsidized housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness.
- **Human Services Programs and Funding:** Redmond supports ongoing and increased funding for programs to protect our most vulnerable populations.
- **Behavioral Health Services:** Redmond supports state investments in the full spectrum of behavioral healthcare, including crisis response resources (e.g., mobile crisis teams), recruitment and retention of high-quality mental health care providers, and sufficient facilities and behavioral health services for individuals in need of these supports.

### Planning and Infrastructure

- **Planning (GMA) Implementation:** Redmond requests adequate time and funding to implement land use changes directed by the State to ensure adequate public engagement.
- **Infrastructure Programs:** Redmond supports enhanced funding for the Public Works Assistance Account for infrastructure grants and loans, including for innovative infrastructure projects, WSDOT's Bike-Ped Grant Program, Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program, and other grant and financing programs for local infrastructure.
- **Local Transportation Network:** Redmond requests direct funding to cities to meet local transportation needs such as pavement preservation and ADA improvements.
- **Park and Recreation Funding:** Redmond supports funding for parks acquisition, maintenance, and operations, including grant programs administered through the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Redmond applied for a grant through the RCO Washington Wildlife Recreation Program for the Redmond Central Connector, a regional trail and linear park that fills the final gap in the east spur of the 42-mile Eastrail and provides unprecedented non-motorized recreation and transportation opportunities. Redmond supports funding for grant programs that help such projects for our communities.

### Public Safety

- **Criminal Justice Reform:** Redmond supports policies that provide greater safety for communities that historically have been harmed by existing systems while maintaining public safety, and that can be implemented in a timely, reasonable, and effective manner.
- **Basic Law Enforcement Academy Funding:** Redmond supports policies and increased funding to the Basic Law Enforcement Academy to ensure officers can be trained in a timely manner.
- **Gun Safety:** Redmond supports policies to prevent violence from the use of firearms and generally increase community safety.
- **Alternative Response:** Redmond supports increased and ongoing funding to alternative response models to ensure community safety and wellbeing, such as the City's THRIVE program. This includes support for proactive homeless outreach response, community court, mobile integrated health services, and co-responding mental health professionals.

Redmond supports the Association of Washington Cities  
and Sound Cities Association.

# 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## Guiding Principles



## The City has adopted the following principles to guide the City's Legislative Agenda.

### **Promote equitable solutions and investments**

The Legislature should work to identify and eliminate laws, policies, and procedures that have historical and current racist, prejudicial, biased, and discriminatory implications.

### **Protect home rule and local authority**

The Legislature should refrain from pre-empting the authority of local cities and communities which are closest to the citizens they serve.

### **Refrain from imposing unfunded or "under-funded" mandates**

It is important that the Legislature refrain from imposing new unfunded or "under-funded" mandates upon local jurisdictions unless there is adequate funding provided to implement them.

### **The State should not erode local revenues and local taxing authority**

As "creatures of the State," cities in Washington have only the taxing and revenue authority directly provided to them by the State Legislature. It is vital that lawmakers refrain from making decisions that erode or eliminate those revenues and the local taxing authority that is given to cities.

### **The State should preserve operating, capital, and transportation budget funding that flows to cities**

Redmond urges the Legislature to refrain from cutting or eliminating operational and infrastructure funding for Redmond and other cities.

### **The Legislature should recognize jurisdictions that step up to implement the policy goals developed by the State, as it exercises its decision-making, particularly in grant and loan programs**

Redmond is an example of a city doing the right things to implement the Growth Management Act (GMA), accommodate density, ensure the urban centers of Downtown and Overlake are conducive to "transit-oriented" and pedestrian-friendly development, embrace "green building", climate-change and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) strategies, etc. As it makes funding and policy decisions regarding grant and loan programs, the State should find ways to recognize jurisdictions, such as Redmond, that carry out and embrace these policy objectives.

# 2024 State Legislative Agenda

Amy Tsai, Chief Policy Advisor  
Briahna Murray, State Lobbyist  
October 10, 2023



# Purpose



- Overview of City Legislative Program
- Overview of upcoming 2024 Legislative Session
- Review draft 2024 State Legislative Agenda
- Feedback and discussion



## State Legislative Agenda Purpose

1. Communicates the City's top priorities and funding requests to the legislature
2. Tells a story about Redmond and why our issues deserve support
3. Provides policy guidance for bill positions and helps inform Mayor's allocation of staff resources during session.



## Collaborative Effort

- State lobbyist leads strategy and interactions with the Legislature and provides weekly reports
- Departments help identify issues of support or concern
- Councilmembers share information on issues and state activities
- Mayor engages Councilmembers on strategic opportunities to lobby/testify

# State Legislative Agenda Timeline

Date	Action
July	Mayor's office met with departments and developed 2024 draft legislative agenda
October 10	Study Session – Council reviews draft agenda
October/November	Committee or Study Session as needed
November/December	Council adopts 2024 legislative agenda
January 8, 2024	Session begins (60-day short session)

# Overview of Upcoming 2024 Legislative Session

- Second year of the two-year biennium
- 60-day “short” session
- Tasks:
  - Develop mid-biennial supplemental budgets
  - All bills introduced in 2023 carry over to 2024
- Emerging themes:
  - Climate Commitment Act
  - Behavioral Health
  - Rising Project Costs
- Political context:
  - All members of the House and half the members of the Senate will be up for re-election in November 2024

# City Legislative Agenda Development and Use

- Hyper-focused
  - Limited number of top priorities/funding requests
  - Support/oppose/monitor list (“Support” list this year)
- Focus on city-specific issues
- Effective use of political capital
- Viable proposals that take advantage of the current political environment
- As in prior years, support/oppose issues are interpreted in a manner consistent with Redmond’s adopted strategic policies

# New Legislative Agenda Format

- Streamlined format to present a succinct message
- Narrative introductions to highlight City successes and policy priorities
- Shorter bullets expressing support/oppose positions (all “support” this year)
- Not included:
  - The City still supports the Association of Washington Cities and Sound Cities Association, but we will express that support via working with these partners during session on matters of mutual interest.
  - Guiding Principles expressed concepts included elsewhere.
- Balancing flexibility and specificity – today’s discussion provides clarity on City policy positions.



# City of Redmond Top Priority Issues

1. Idylwood Park Accessibility Improvements
2. Electric Fire Engine Charging Infrastructure
3. 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE/SR 520 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass Prioritization

# Idylwood Park Accessibility Improvements

- \$500,000 capital funding request
- Heavily used parking area in need of expansion and ADA improvements
- State funding assistance would support the City's Vision Zero commitment and ADA Transition Plan.



# Electric Fire Engine Charging Infrastructure

- Funding request amount TBD; staff evaluating best dollar ask to fit our situation and funding environment.
- City received a state grant to support engine acquisition.
- City is in the running for federal earmark support (for last year's requests the City received final word in late December).
- State request would support charging infrastructure at Fire Station 12 and potentially other stations, depending on the amount of the ask.



# 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass Prioritization

- \$8 million appropriated in 16-year Move Ahead Washington transportation package in 2022
- 2023 Legislature allocated funding in “future biennium”
- Rising project costs increases the likelihood of project delays and cancellations for projects
- Our ask does not specify an amount; its purpose is to maintain awareness of this priority project



# Support Issues

- Housing

- **Theme:** State and regional partner; supporting equity and affordability
- Affordable housing, anti-displacement, and statewide tenant protections
- Condominium liability reform
- Permit streamlining and workforce development
- Time to implement

- Environmental Sustainability

- **Theme:** Efficient utilization of state funds; doing good work with ESAP
- Decarbonization, electrification
- Access to Climate Commitment Act funds and other dollars
- Funding for culverts, fish, habitats, vegetation management, tree canopies, stormwater, clean water
- PFAS technical assistance
- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Climate resiliency, wildfire response

## Support Issues (Cont.)

- Planning & Infrastructure

- **Theme:** Implementing Growth Management Act requirements takes time and resources.
- Funding for Public Works Assistance Account and other financial tools
- Pavement preservation
- Road safety
- Parks, trails, and recreation maintenance, operations, acquisitions, and funding grants

- General Government

- **Theme:** Revenue is tight and flexible, equitable revenue sources are key.
- Tax Reform, including local option on 1% annual property tax limit
- Revenue flexibility, including Real-Estate Excise Taxes
- Paperless records
- Equitable voting tools
- Minding City fiscal impacts of labor regulations

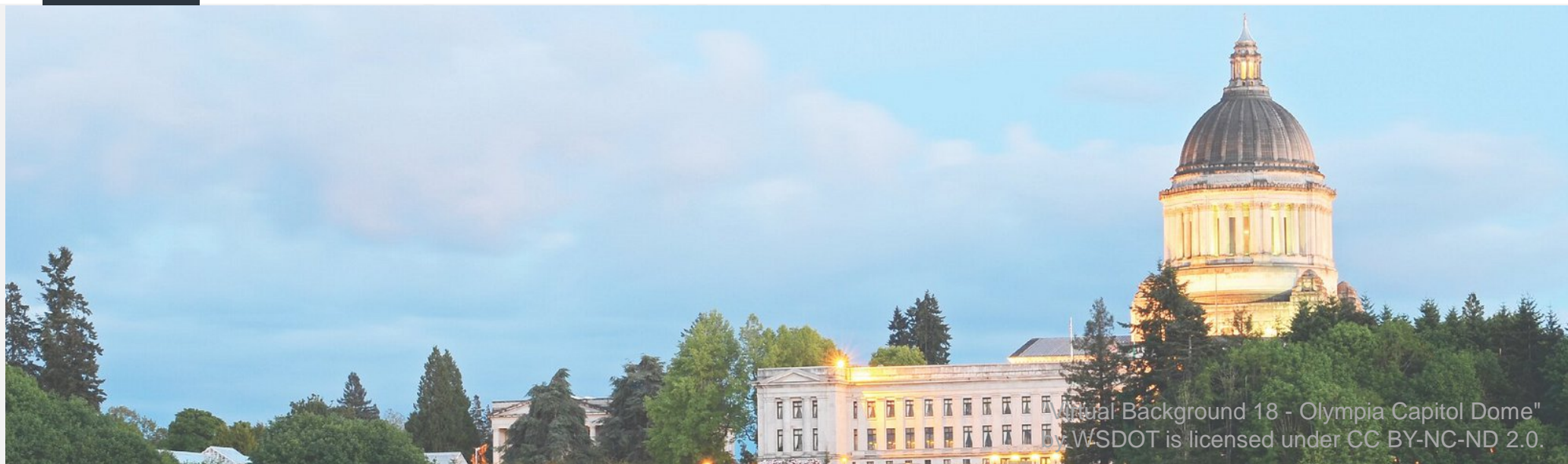
## Support Issues (cont.)

- Community Vitality

- **Theme:** Health and human services and crisis care resources are critical.
- Childcare
- Small business support
- Funding for Housing Essential Needs program and other solutions
- Workforce investments
- Behavioral health services and facilities investments
- Access to healthcare, including gender-affirming care and abortion rights

- Public Safety

- **Theme:** Funding is tight. Recruitment resources are important.
- Safe neighborhoods and adequately resourced policing
- Criminal justice transparency and accountability
- Funding for alternative treatment and new drug possession laws
- Gun safety



## Next Steps

- October/November - Committee or Study Session?
- November/December - Council adopts 2024 legislative agenda
- January 8, 2024 - Session begins (60-day short session)

# Feedback & Discussion

| Thank you!





## Memorandum

**Date:** 10/10/2023  
**Meeting of:** City Council Study Session

**File No.** SS 23-060  
**Type:** Study Session

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
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**TITLE:**

2023 Development User Fee Study Update and Parks User Fee Study Update

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

The City contracted with FCS Group to conduct analyses in coordination with City staff for Development Services User Fees, Parks User Fees, and Credit Card Merchant Service Fees. The attached presentation includes a review of study methodologies, current cost recovery, findings, and preliminary policy recommendations.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☒ **Receive Information**      ☐ **Provide Direction**      ☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
  - Revenue Fiscal Policy 3h: In each odd numbered year, the City will review user fees to adjust for the effects of inflation and other factors as appropriate. The City will set fees for user activities, such as recreational services, at a level to support the direct and indirect costs of the activities in accordance with cost recovery policies adopted by the City Council.
  - Parks Cost of Service Methodology: On 4/19/2022, Council adopted resolution 1557 revising the Parks cost of service methodology to provide guidance for Redmond Parks and Recreation efforts to organize and set priorities for recreation programs and services.
- **Required:**

N/A

- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

### **OUTCOMES:**

Council will be updated on:

- Development Services User Fee Study
  - Scope of Work
  - Methodology
  - Current Level of Cost recovery
  - Policy Recommendations
  - Comparison of Neighboring Jurisdictions
- Parks User Fees
  - Scope of Work
  - Proposed Fee Updates
  - Comparison of Neighboring Jurisdictions
  - Parks Activity & Facility Use Document
- Credit Card Fee Policy
  - Analysis of Potential New Revenue
  - Policy Recommendations
  - Comparison of Neighboring Jurisdictions

### **COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
September 18, 2023, October 5, 2023, October 13, 2023, and November 2, 2023
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Stakeholder meetings and engagement: Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission, OneRedmond and Master Builders Association
- **Feedback Summary:**  
To be provided with recommendations informed by the study

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:** N/A

**Approved in current biennial budget:** ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**  
N/A

**Budget Priority:**

Strategic & Responsive, Vibrant & Connected, and Healthy & Sustainable

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:** ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

**If yes, explain:**

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

N/A

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached.

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
4/11/2023	Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications	Provide Direction
4/18/2023	Business Meeting	Approve
9/12/2023	Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications	Receive Information

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/10/2023	Study Session	Receive Information
10/24/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/14/2023	Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications	Provide Direction
11/21/2023	Business Meeting	Approve

**Time Constraints:**

User fees should be adopted by December 31, 2023

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Development Services User Fees will not recover 100% of costs and will burden the General Fund. Parks will not have fees to charge for booking in the new Redmond Senior & Community Center.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: User Fee Studies Presentation  
Appendix A: Parks Activity & Facility Use Document



# City of Redmond



## Development Services User Fees Cost of Service Study & Parks User Fees Update

Presentation of Preliminary Results  
City Council  
October 10, 2023



# Agenda

- **Development Services User Fees**
- **Parks User Fees**
- **Credit Card Payment Fee Recommendation**
- **Next Steps**

# **Development Services User Fees**



# Overview

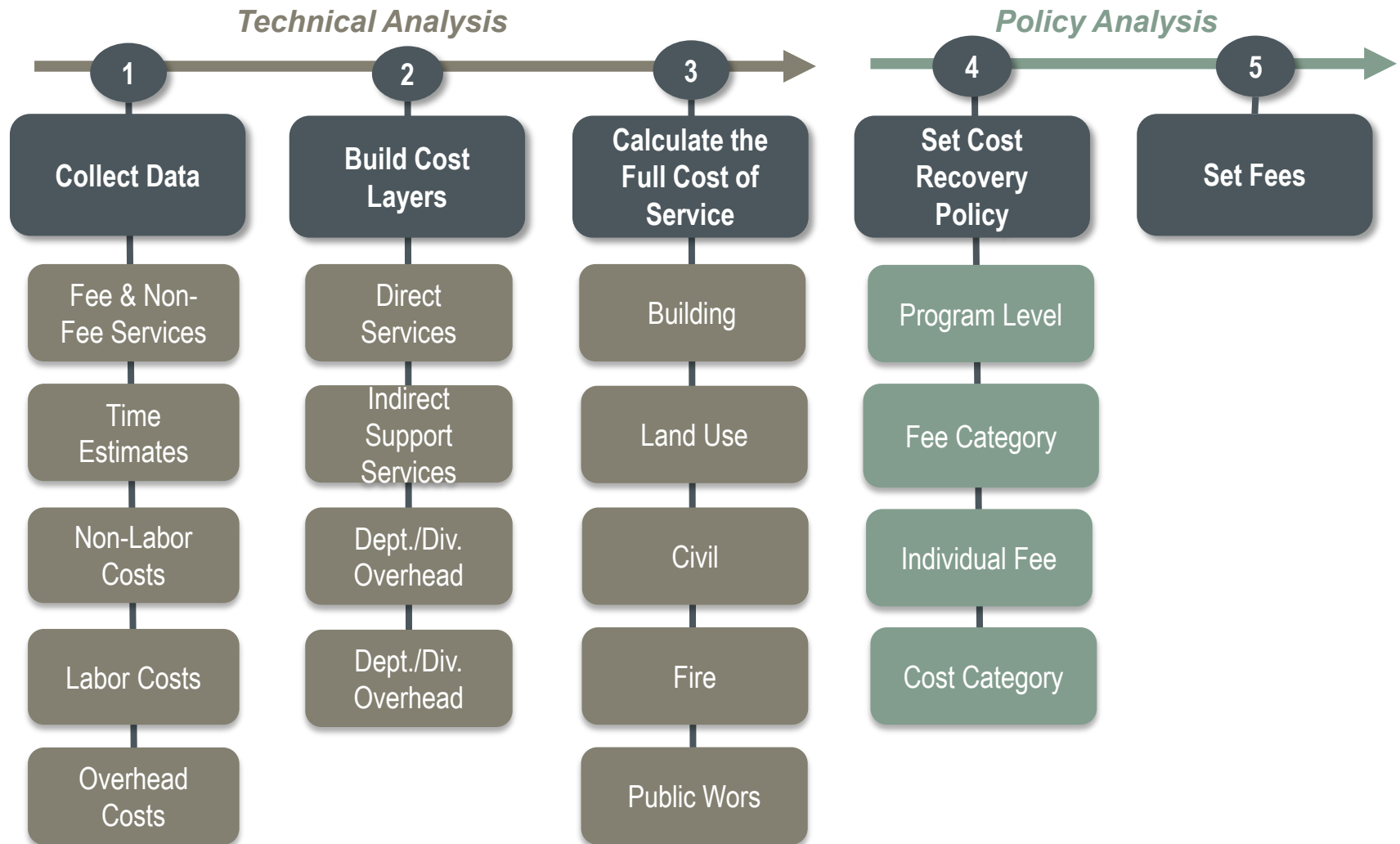
- **Purpose of fees**
- **Updated every five years through fee studies**
- **Annual CPI adjustment applied**
- **Cross departmental effort; Finance, Planning, Public Works, Fire, and TIS**
- **Stakeholder engagement process**



# Scope of Work

- **Cost-of-service study**
  - » Building
  - » Land Use
  - » Civil
  - » Public Works (ROW, Small Cell Permits, Telecom Leases)
  - » Fire (Development Review and Life Safety Inspections)
- **Adjust fees for 100% recoverable costs**
- **Technology Fee update**

# Study Methodology





# Guiding Principles

## Legal authority for setting fees

- Authorized within RCW 82.02.020
- City can collect fees “from an applicant for a permit or other governmental approval to cover the cost...of processing applications, inspecting and reviewing plans, or preparing detailed statements [related to SEPA reviews]”

## Recoverable costs

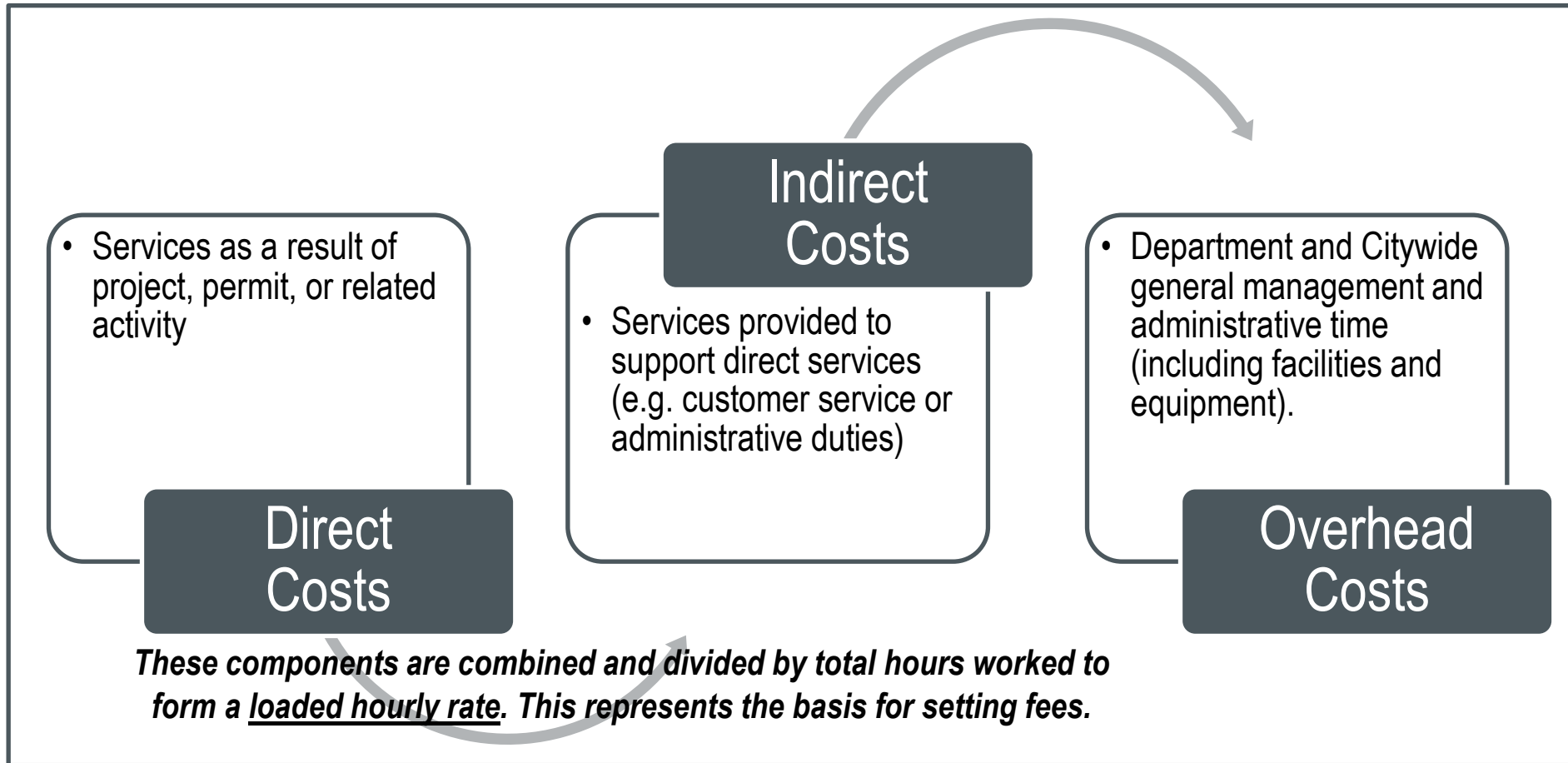
- Direct cost of permitting services
- Reasonable portion of indirect and overhead costs

## Examples of costs that cannot be recovered

- Comprehensive long-range planning
- Code enforcement

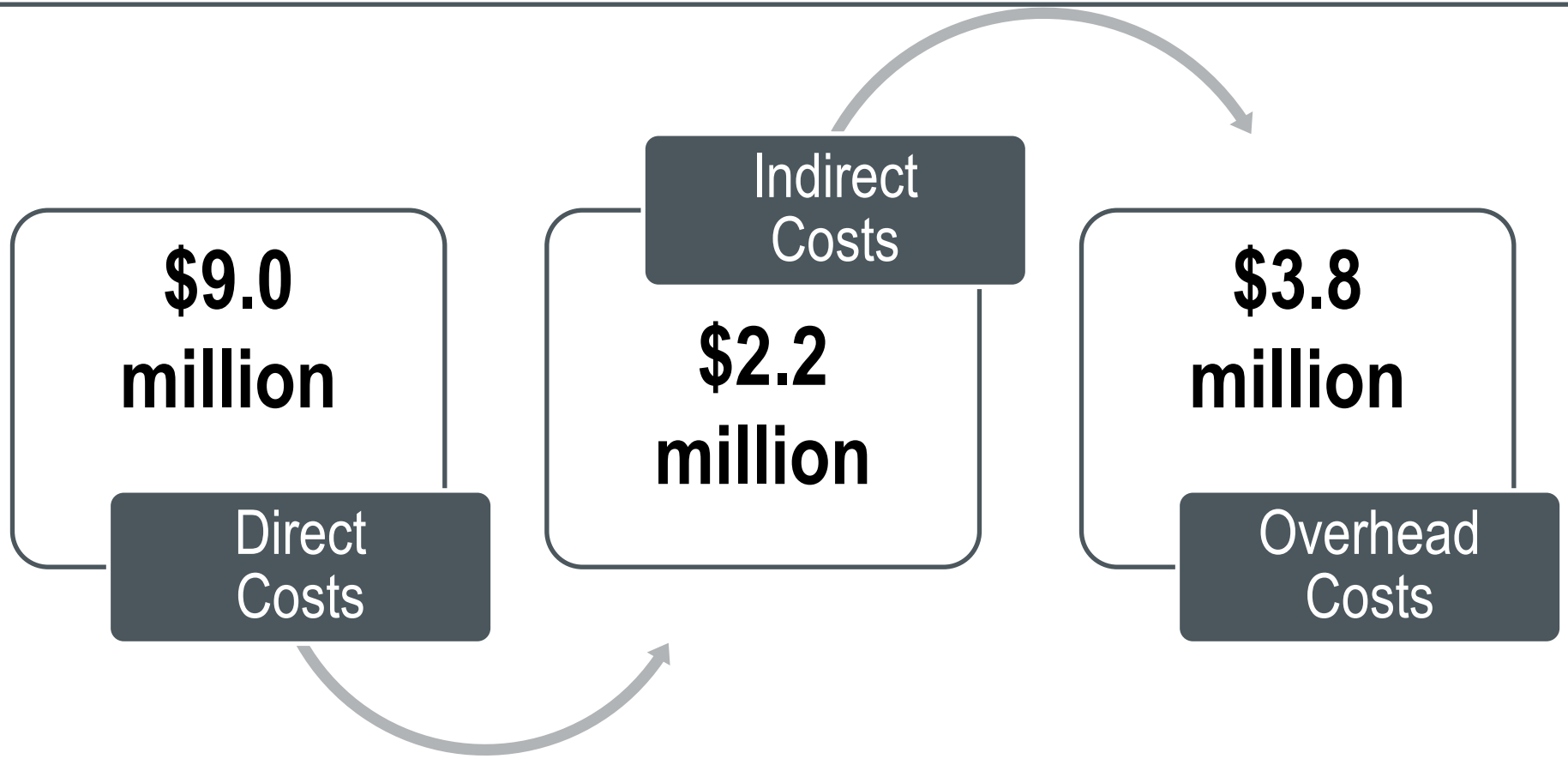


# Components of Cost to Serve





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**Annual Cost to Serve: \$15.0 million**



# Study Findings

- **Current fees generate \$11.3 million per year (75% cost recovery)**
- **Under collection of \$3.7 million under existing fees**

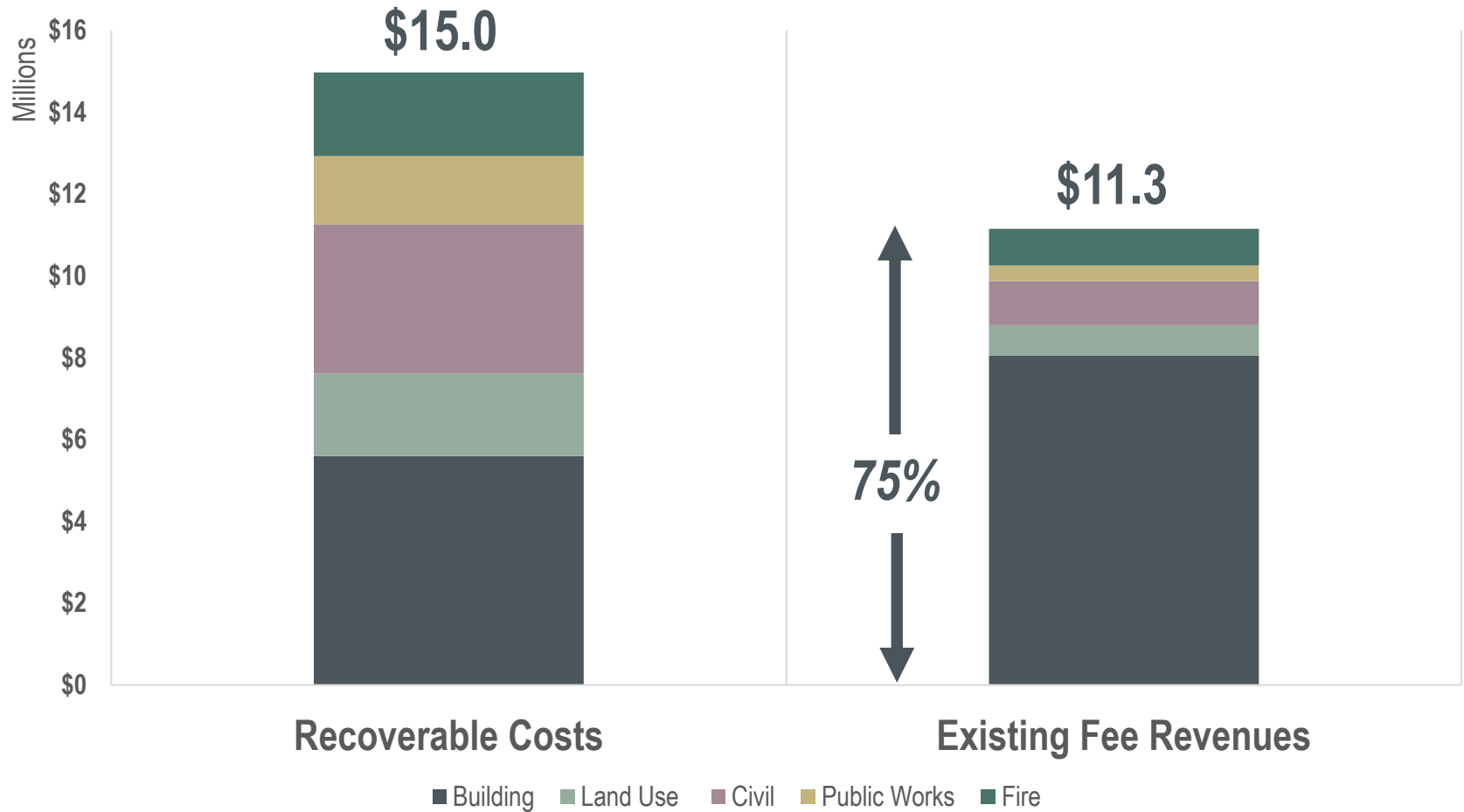


# Major Drivers of Increased Cost

- **Level of service to support the review and adjudication of permit fee services**
- **Annual CPI adjustments do not keep pace with increased operating costs**
- **Growing complexity of permit and plan review**
  - » Developable land is more constrained and challenging
  - » Increased regulatory requirements both by Local, State, and Federal government
  - » Building systems are becoming more complex



# Existing Level of Cost Recovery





# Policy Change Proposals

- **Pre-Review Entitlement Process (PREP) fees removed**
- **Technology surcharge update**
- **New fees**



# **Pre-Review Entitlement Process (PREP) Fees Eliminated**

- **Originally established to streamline project review**
- **Pre-submission project review**
- **Collaborative process to identify City questions or concerns and enable applicant to address potential issues before application is submitted**
- **Process did not help with review process as intended; fee recommended for elimination**

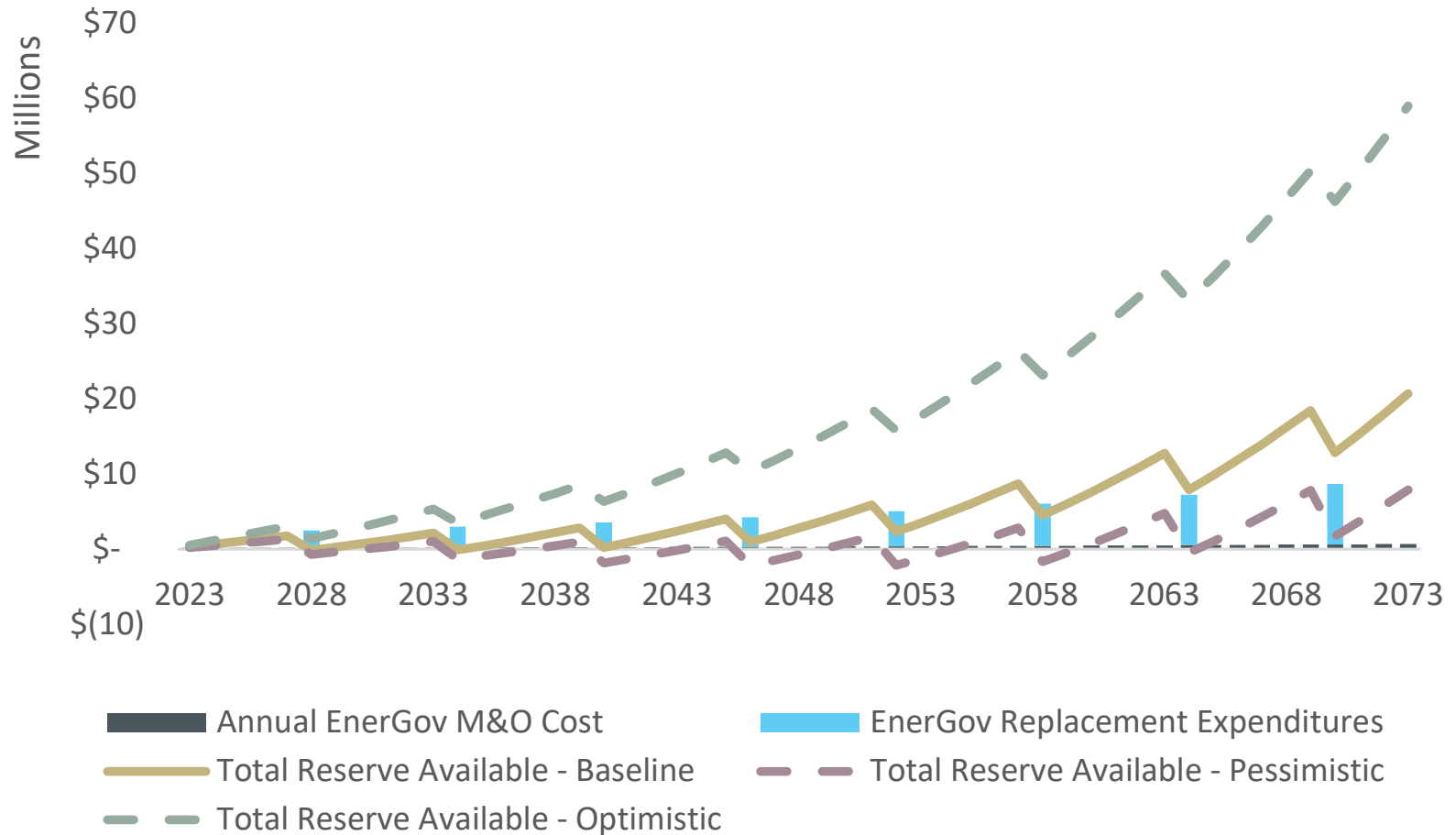


# Technology Surcharge

- **Currently set at 3.0% of applicable permit fees**
- **Funds annual operating costs and periodic replacement of permit software system**
- **Recommend increasing surcharge to 4.0%**



# Coverage of EnerGov Costs



Conservative growth scenario – assumed adoption of 4.0% tech surcharge

# **New Fees Proposed**

- **Implement new fees to reflect work currently being performed**
  - » New services are being provided to adhere to Local, State and Federal government requirements
  - » Currently no mechanism to recover costs, collect data, and track services provided



# Proposed New Fees

## Land Use

- Tree removal – No exception
- Tree removal – exception
- Zoning verification letter
- Preapplication with Technical Committee
- Preapplication with Technical Committee and Design Review Board
- Preapplication with Design Review Board

## Civil

- Side sewer (SFR Infill review)
- Construction phasing review
- Wet weather plan review

## Public Works

- Utility Availability Certificate (simple)
- Utility Availability Certificate (complex)
- Fire Flow Analysis (as needed)
- Access permits secure water facility site
- Water shutoff (base)
- Water shutoff (overtime)



# Building Fees Comparison – Current vs. Proposed

	Change		
Building Valuation	Existing Fee	Revised Fee	\$
New Single-Family Residential @ \$2.0M	\$25,953	\$28,251	\$1,410
New Multi-Family Residential @ \$15.0M	\$156,091	\$169,300	\$8,200
New Commercial @ \$11.0M	\$117,742	\$129,126	\$6,110

Redmond existing fees – current fees as of Feb 1, 2023 and exclude 3.0% technology surcharge



# Building Fees Comparison

Building Valuation	Redmond (Existing)	Redmond (Revised)	Kirkland	Bellevue	Seattle	Bothell	Shoreline
New SFR @ \$415,295	\$7,053	\$7,398	\$6,564	\$7,748	\$5,127	\$6,408	\$5,493
SFR Remodel @ \$35,929	\$1,281	\$1,345	\$1,218	\$1,393	\$1,127	\$1,139	\$853
New Commercial @ \$6,276,216	\$63,498	\$66,391	\$62,441	\$65,780	\$43,523	\$64,897	\$45,413
New MFR @ \$30,170,920	\$286,265	\$299,015	\$259,581	\$265,680	\$161,807	\$301,464	\$203,124
New Mixed Use @ \$18,032,472	\$173,104	\$180,847	\$159,438	\$164,136	\$101,722	\$181,293	\$123,011
New TI @ \$131,032	\$2,982	\$3,130	\$2,812	\$3,203	\$2,616	\$2,655	\$2,210
New MFR (Other) @ \$2,627,294	\$29,489	\$30,878	\$30,708	\$32,562	\$22,222	\$28,782	\$21,336

Redmond existing fees – current fees as of Feb 1, 2023 and exclude 3.0% technology surcharge



# Summary of Recommendations

- **Implement standard fee increased to reflect cost to serve**
- **Eliminate Pre-Review Entitlement Process (PREP) fees**
- **Increase technology surcharge to 4.0%**
- **Implement new fees to recover the cost to serve**
- **Effective: February 1, 2024**

# Parks User Fees

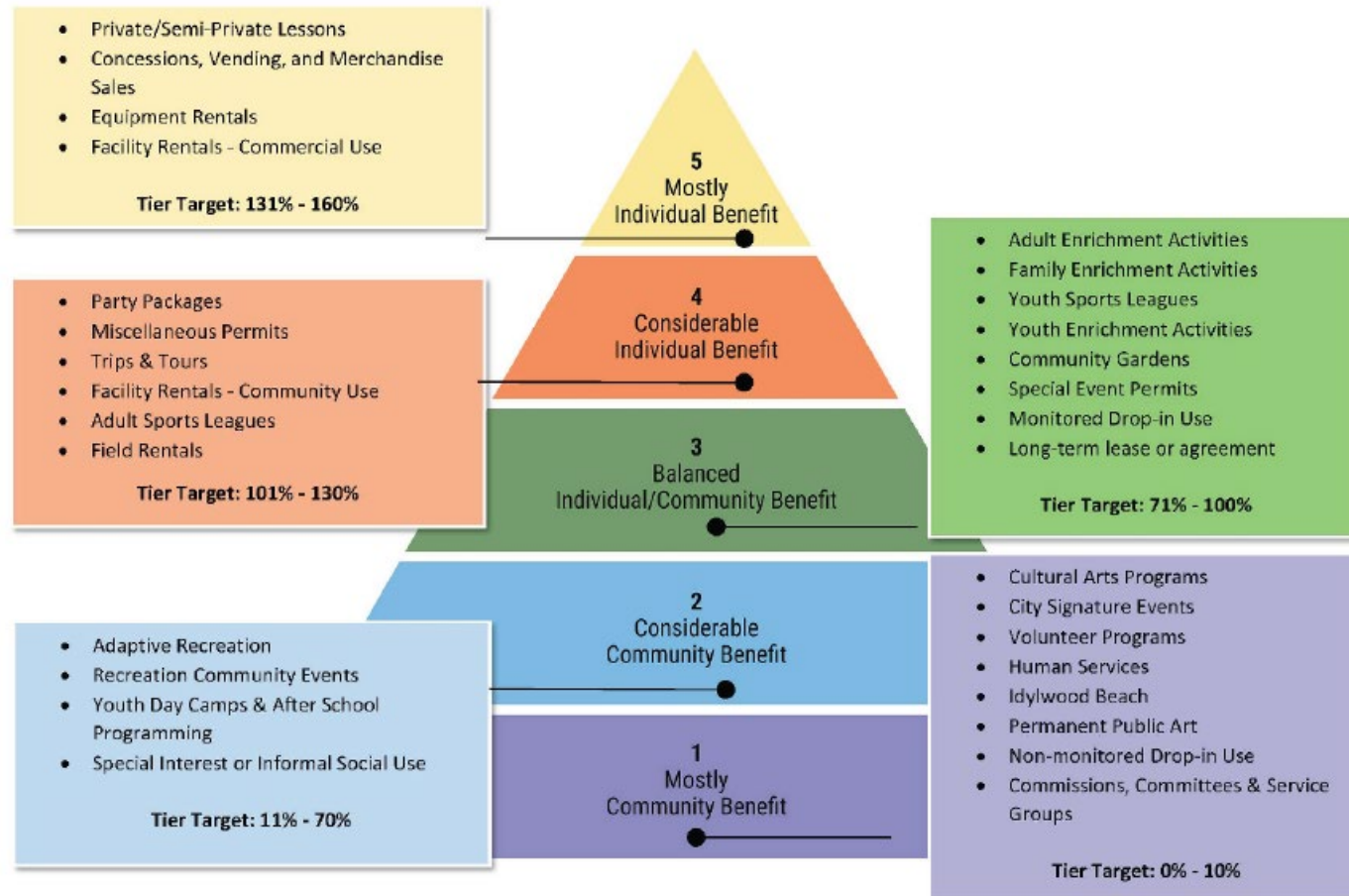


# Scope and Purpose for Study

- **Scope includes fees related to rentals and permits**
  - » Does not include Parks classes, camps, leagues, etc.
- **New Redmond Senior & Community Center opening**
  - » Add new fees based on new space
- **Restructure and simplify fee schedule**
- **Align rental and permit fees with Parks cost of service methodology**
- **Update Activity and Facility Use Policy**



# Cost of Service Methodology





# Proposed Fee Updates

## New Fees

- Multi-use room extra large (1801-2400 sqft)
- Community room (2401 sqft+)
- Commercial kitchen
- Terrace fee
- Half gymnasium
- Commercial use
- Alcohol service fee
- Alcohol deposit fee
- Half-day picnic shelter
- Rental setup
- Rental cleanup
- Special event non-profit rate

## Consolidated Fees

- Multi-use room small (up to 600 sqft)
- Multi-use room medium (601-1100 sqft)
- Multi-use room large (1100-1800 sqft)
- Turf fields
- Equipment use
- Miscellaneous use permit



## Revised Fees Comparable to Neighboring Communities

Fee	Redmond Proposed	Bellevue	Kirkland	Renton	Bothell	Seattle
Indoor Facilities (600sft – 2400sft)	\$40-\$75/hr	\$30-\$45/hr	\$30-\$100/hr	\$35/hr	\$30/hr	\$24-\$42/hr
Community room (2400sft+)	\$200/hr	\$100-\$150/hr	\$300/hr 2-hour minimum	\$100/hr 3-hour min. Higher on weekends	n/a	\$83/hr
Half gymnasium	\$75/hr	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Full gymnasium	\$140/hr	\$80/hr	n/a	\$45-\$550/hr	n/a	\$21-\$152/hr
Turf athletic fields	\$50-\$60/hr	\$46-\$75/hr	\$18-\$30/hr	n/a	\$35-\$75/hr	\$81/hr
Non-turf athletic fields	\$30/hr	\$22-\$72/hr	\$9-\$100/hr	\$30-\$36/hr	\$20-\$60/hr	\$16-\$60/hr
Picnic shelters – full day	\$17.50/hr	\$6-\$43/hr	\$6-\$38/hr	\$17-\$34/hr	\$8-\$25/hr	\$7-\$8/hr
Special events (100-10,000 people)	\$55-\$275/hr	Based on level of service required	\$250-\$500	Based on level of service required	\$300-\$675	\$10-\$30/hr, based on type of street used

# Credit Card Fee Policy

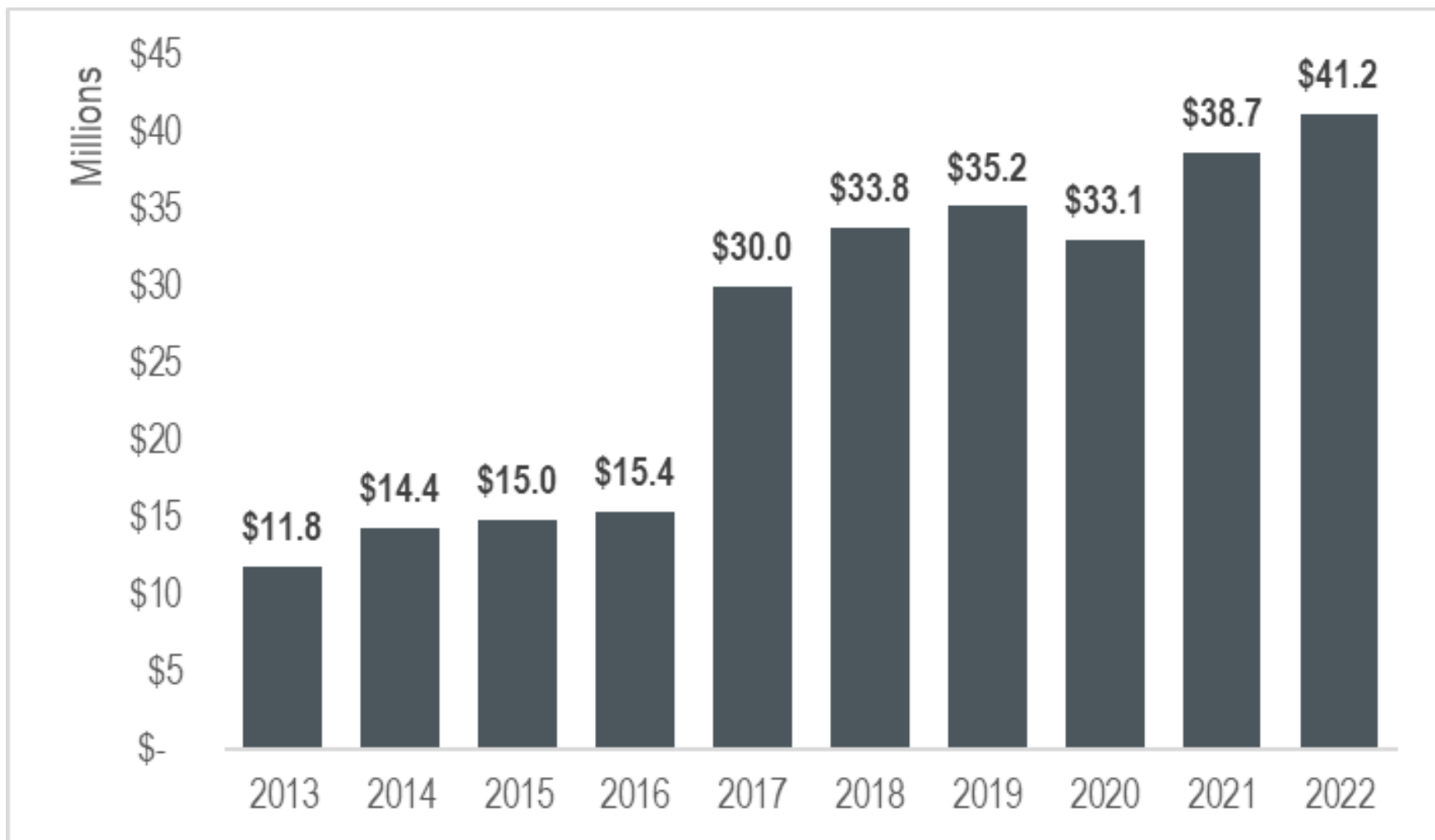


# Overview

- **Revenue from electronic payments have increased substantially over the years**
- **City of Redmond processed over \$40M in annual electronic payments in 2022**
  - » Processed 89,000 transactions and paid \$1.0M/yr in merchant fees; absorbed by City
- **Other city's practices**
  - » Everett: 2.3% fee
  - » Woodinville: 3.0% fee
  - » Snohomish: 2.5% fee
  - » Anacortes: 3.0% fee
  - » Alderwood WWD: 2.49% fee
  - » Woodinville WD: 2.49% fee



# Revenue From Electronic Payment



## Legal Authority

- **Counties explicitly authorized to accept electronic payments and to pass along fees (RCW 36.29.190)**
- **Cities – no similar statute exists**
- **Credit card service fees**
  - » Cities may assess a credit card “acceptance” fee
  - » Applied upon credit and debit cards



## Recommendation

- **Establish fee at 3.0%**
- **Apply uniformly across all systems and services that accept electronic payments**
- **Effective January 1, 2025**



# Administrative Considerations

- **Reviewed existing merchant contracts**
  - » Did not find system restrictions or contractual roadblocks
- **Payment system modifications and testing**
- **Apply to credit/debit cards and prepaid cards**
- **Staff training and impacts to various business groups**
  - » TIS, Accounting, Utility Billing, Development Services
- **Public communication**

# Next Steps



## Next Steps

- **Continue Stakeholder engagement**
- **Final internal review of calculated fees**
- **October 24 Council Study Session**
  - » Follow-up on Council items
  - » Council review of proposed fees

# Thank You! Questions?

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## **Redmond Parks and Recreation Department Activity and Facility Use Policy**

### **I. PURPOSE AND GOALS/POLICY ADMINISTRATION:**

The purpose of the Activity and Facility Use Policy is to help Redmond residents and employees attain equitable access to parks and recreation activities and facilities. Further, the city desires to involve its residents in the process of developing and managing facilities and activities.

This policy has been reviewed by the Redmond Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission. It supports the current municipal code and ordinances/resolutions establishing Rules and Regulations for the Use of Public Parks within the city of Redmond.

- A.** The Parks and Recreation Director or designee is responsible for administering the Activity and Facility Use Policy.
- B.** Authority to issue permits for special events shall follow RMC 10.62
- C.** The Redmond Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission has the power and duty as set forth in RMC 4.40.030, including to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for rules and regulations governing the use and management of parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and trails, but not limited to, rules and regulations relating to user fees and charges.

### **II. RECREATION ACTIVITIES:**

#### **A. Priority Access When Registering for Recreation Activities**

The City of Redmond has identified Redmond city limits as its priority area of focus in providing recreation activities, special events, and other services. Redmond individuals, as defined in IX.C., shall be given registration priority access to participate in city-sponsored activities. The Director of Parks and Recreation or designee shall develop administrative procedures for managing the registration process for recreation activities that may be amended from time to time.

Priority users, as described in IX.A., shall have at least one week to register for recreational activities before the opportunity is made available to non-priority users as defined in IX.B.

#### **B. Fees and Charges for City Sponsored Activities**

Fees for recreation activities shall be set by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee. Fees and charges are based upon the Cost of Service policy adopted by Redmond City Council in 2022 by Resolution No. 1557.

A percentage of fees collected from recreation activity registrations shall be used to provide fee assistance for community members in the case of financial need. Administrative guidelines for the fee assistance program shall be established by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee.

Non-priority users, as described in IX.B., shall pay an additional program fee of at least 20% more than the stated resident fee or charge when registering for activities. This additional fee may be reduced or waived by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee for co-sponsored programs or when market conditions warrant a lesser fee.

### **III. Access to City Parks and Recreation Facilities**

The City of Redmond has identified Redmond city limits as its priority area of focus in providing reserved use of parks and recreation fields and facilities.

#### **A. Priority Users**

- 1) First Priority users of all parks and recreation facilities shall be the Redmond Parks and Recreation Department for its sponsored or co-sponsored recreation activities.
- 2) Second Priority users shall be other public agencies located in Redmond city Limits and covered by an intergovernmental agreement, such as the Lake Washington School District, specifically for district-sponsored activities.
- 3) Third Priority users shall be Redmond individuals, teams, groups, or organizations as defined in section IX.C - IX.F
- 4) Fourth Priority users shall be City of Redmond internal department use that is non-recreational (i.e. meetings, trainings, etc.)

#### **B. Non-Priority Users**

- 1) Fifth Priority users shall be non-Redmond individuals, teams, groups, or organizations, as defined by section IX.G.-I., who will have access to city facilities on a space-available basis.
- 2) Commercial/Business use: The commercial or business use of city facilities as described in section IX.K. may be considered if it is not competing directly with existing recreation activities or services provided or co-sponsored by the city as defined by section IX.L. An additional fee is added for commercial uses.
- 3) Competing services: Competing services are defined as organizations, groups, or individuals that offer services similar to those provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. This includes but is not limited to programs, events, or activities that could potentially substitute or replicate the services offered by the department. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to restrict access to facilities for entities offering competing services to uphold the integrity and uniqueness of its programs and services. This is to ensure the community receives services that are of high standard and are in line with the goals and objectives of the department.

#### **C. Additional Scheduling Consideration**

To ensure the maximum and equitable recreational use of limited facilities, the following considerations shall apply:

- 1) Recreational vs. select programs: Redmond organizations that are open to all interested parties by offering a range of opportunities, regardless of skill level, shall have a higher scheduling priority than organizations that restrict participation by invitation, skill level, or ability.
- 2) Gender equity: Regardless of the gender composition within requesting organizations, all programs at comparable levels of play shall be granted equal access by the city.
- 3) Variety: The city will encourage a mixture of activities to establish a balanced range of ages and interests at our parks and facilities that match community interests.

#### **D. User Group Conduct**

- 1) User groups must agree to all aspects of their signed rental permit. Failure to comply, causing damage to city facilities or equipment, or not leaving facilities in reasonable condition may result in cancellation of future use, loss of damage deposit, and/or additional fees.
- 2) The Parks and Recreation Department has established a Facility Code of Conduct along with listed Park rules and ordinances, which govern park and trail use. User groups and individuals will be accountable

for adhering to these guidelines. Failure to comply may result in cancellation of future use, suspension of the right to participate in some or all recreation activities or facilities for a period of time, permanent expulsion from a program or facility, loss of damage deposit, and/or additional fees.

#### **E. Hours of Operation**

Reservations of facilities extending beyond standard operational hours may be subject to additional fees, lead times, and/or approvals. Reserved use of athletic fields shall terminate at dusk on unlighted fields and no later than 11:00 p.m. on lighted fields unless otherwise designated by the Parks Director or their designee.

### **IV. FEES FOR RESERVING CITY FIELDS AND FACILITIES**

- A.** Fees for fields and facilities shall be set by the Director of Parks and Recreation or their designee. Fees and charges are based upon the Cost of Service policy adopted by Redmond City Council in 2022 by Resolution No. 1557. Fees are set by the Parks User Fee Schedule and are updated based on annual CPI-W increase, consistent with other city fee schedules.
- B.** Non-priority users, as described in IX.G., shall pay an additional rental fee of at least 20% more than the priority users or charge when reserving fields or facilities. For Turf Athletic Field use (fields with an artificial turf surface), users are assessed a premium field usage fee (included in the hourly rate) that shall be deposited in a separate fund for future turf replacement. Other fees and charges, such as sports field lighting, set-up charges, etc., are the same for all users.
- C.** An after-hours staffing fee, equipment use fee, commercial use fee or damage deposit may apply. Non-resident fees may be reduced or waived by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee for co-sponsored programs or when market conditions warrant a lesser fee.

### **V. HARTMAN PARK SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

The following special scheduling procedure has been created because of the high demand for the regulation-sized Little League baseball and softball fields at Hartman Park and the city's agreement with local Little League baseball and softball organizations.

- A.** Approved users shall meet to balance the schedules as follows: Each organization shall have an equal proportion of prime slots and regular slots. Prime slots are defined as Monday – Friday, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.. In addition, game slots shall be equally distributed throughout the 12-week period beginning April 1. City staff shall approve the final schedules.

### **VI. RESERVATION REQUEST PROCESSES AND REGULATIONS**

A rental scheduling timeline will be created by recreation staff to accommodate a combination of city-sponsored activities, ongoing, and one-time or short-term rentals.

- 1) Facility use inquiry: Any individual, group, team, or organization desiring to reserve a city field or facility must submit a facility use inquiry to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Department shall issue a "Rental Permit "with the user group for approved requests.
- 2) Timelines: Unless otherwise specified in this policy or in procedures developed for individual facilities, requests from priority users may be accepted up to twelve months in advance. Requests from non-priority users may be accepted up to nine months in advance.

- 3) Fees: All fees shall be paid in full prior to use. A deposit may be required for certain reservations as determined by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 4) Liability insurance: For certain events, the applicant will be required to maintain, through the period of use, liability insurance in an amount specified by the city. The city shall be named as additionally insured.
- 5) Concessions: Parks users shall not provide concessions or sell for profit any items without written consent and approval from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 6) Right to cancel: The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any scheduled use.
- 7) Subletting: Park users shall not “sublet” any scheduled Parks and Recreation Department facilities to any third party without written consent and approval from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 8) Permit conditions: All applicants shall read, sign, and abide by the Parks and Recreation Department terms and conditions on the rental permit prior to the scheduled use of Parks and Recreation Department fields and/or facilities.
- 9) Field and facility maintenance: Parks and Recreation Department staff shall provide all facility maintenance. Facility users shall not provide their own maintenance, such as lining or dragging fields, or make any modifications to any facility without written approval from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 10) Partnership agreements: Pursuant to RCW 39.34, there are instances where the city may choose to make the most efficient use of local government powers to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage (i.e. Interlocal Agreements or Memorandums of Understanding) and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs of local communities.

## **VII. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS, MISCELLANEOUS USE, AND NON-TRADITIONAL PARK USE**

When facility, field, or park use inquiries fall outside of the designated capacity, conditions, or scope of a rental permit, the user group may seek a special event or miscellaneous use permit. Per municipal code, permits are required in the following scenarios:

- A. Special Event Permit: Any person or entity who conducts, promotes, sponsors, or manages a special event that affects the standard and ordinary use of public property, streets, right-of-way, walkways, trails, and/or sidewalks, or if occurring on private property, will nevertheless affect, impact, or interfere with the standard, ordinary and normal use of public property, streets, rights-of-way, walkways, or sidewalks by the general public within the vicinity of such event and/or requires the use of city services, shall first obtain a special event permit from the City. (Ord. 2830 § 3 (part), 2016).
- B. Miscellaneous Use Permit: Miscellaneous Park Use Permits are required for non-traditional park activities occurring in Redmond Parks. A “non-traditional park activity” is any activity or gathering that is not permitted by current regulations, park rules, or other existing permits. Some examples include large group gatherings, running, walking, and biking events that remain inside a park, rental requests that cannot be accommodated in a rental permit, the use of amplified sound in parks that falls outside of the established conditions of a rental permit, film and photo inquiries, drones, and the use of a metal detector in a park.

## **VIII. SCHEDULING OF LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SPORTS FIELDS**

The City of Redmond has signed an interlocal agreement titled “Joint Use and Development of Facilities, Programs, Maintenance and Operations” with the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) which outlines responsibilities of

scheduling district owned sport fields within Redmond city limits. Rental fees, policies, and guidelines for LWSD owned fields are followed and align with this document.

## **IX. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Priority User:** Any Redmond individual, team, group, organization, or internal city use that meets the criteria established in definitions IX.C through IX.F
- B. Non-Priority User:** Any non-Redmond individual, team, group, or organization. Any select group, business or commercial group, or competing recreational service that meets the criteria established in definitions IX.G. through IX.K. below.
- C. Redmond Individual:** Anyone who lives or works within the Redmond city limits. Work is defined as being currently employed at least twenty hours per week at a location within the Redmond city limits. This priority also applies to the worker's household members.
- D. Redmond Team:** Any team that has at least 51% of its roster organization made up of Redmond Individuals as defined by IX.C
- E. Redmond Group/Organization:** Any group/organization that has at least 51% of its organization that is made up of Redmond individuals as defined in IX.C.
- F. Redmond Recreational Programs:** Organizations that do not restrict participation based on skill level.
- G. Non-Redmond Individual:** Anyone who lives outside Redmond city limits and is not currently employed more than twenty hours per week at a location within the Redmond city limits.
- H. Non-Redmond Team:** Any team that has less than 51% of its roster made up of Redmond individuals as defined in IX.D. above.
- I. Non-Redmond Group/Organization:** Any group or organization that has less than 51% of its membership comprised of Redmond individuals as defined in IX.D. above or whose business and primary office is not located within the Redmond city limits.
- J. Select Program:** Organizations that restrict participation by invitation or skill level.
- K. Commercial Use:** For-profit user groups who are scheduling facilities to conduct business and/or organizations charging their participants or attendees for program/entry or for a profit.
- L. Competing Services:** Competing services are defined as organizations, groups, or individuals that offer services similar to those provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. This includes but is not limited to programs, events, or activities that could potentially substitute or replicate the services offered by the department. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to restrict access to facilities for entities offering competing services to uphold the integrity and uniqueness of its programs and services. This is to ensure the community receives services that are of high standard and are in line with the goals and objectives of the department.
- M. Turf Athletic Field:** Defined as those athletic fields with an artificial field turf product that has a defined useful life, at which time the surface shall need replacement.



## Memorandum

**Date:** 10/10/2023  
**Meeting of:** City Council Study Session

**File No.** SS 23-056  
**Type:** Study Session

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
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**TITLE:**

Redmond 2050: Phase 2 Policies

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and provide policy direction on three of the topics identified at the Council's October 3, 2023, business meeting:

- Community Design
- Climate Resilience and Sustainability
- Policies, Strategies, and Actions

If time permits, staff recommends moving on to other topics Council identified. All of these are documented in Attachment A. Otherwise, a future study session will be scheduled.

On October 3, staff briefed the Council on early drafts of updates to the following Comprehensive Plan elements: Annexation and Regional Planning; Human Services; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Natural Environment; Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation; Climate Resilience and Sustainability; Land Use; and Community Design. Community Design includes policies for Downtown, Marymoor Village, Southeast Redmond, corridors, design, and historic preservation. Collectively these are the "Phase 2" elements.

Councilmembers were sent links to these elements by email in September. They are also part of the October 3, 2023, agenda packet, beginning on page 156. See

<https://redmond.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=PA&ID=1113807&GUID=AE768BEE-5AF1-4E3F-BBD7-C9E3906124A3>.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☐ **Receive Information**

☒ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Policy PI-15 calls for periodic Comprehensive Plan reviews.
- **Required:**  
The Growth Management Act requires that Washington cities and counties review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations every ten years. For King County cities the periodic review must be completed by December 31, 2024
- **Council Request:**  
The City Council requested quarterly reports on project milestones, staff progress, and public involvement.
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

Updating the Redmond Comprehensive Plan will ensure that the Plan is consistent with state law and regional policy direction; advances equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency; and that Redmond is prepared for growth expected through the year 2050.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
Outreach for Phase 2 policies began in summer 2022 and has continued through Q3 2023.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Redmond 2050 outreach methods have included:
  - Redmond 2050 Website
  - Let's Connect questionnaires
  - Press releases
  - Social media
  - Short videos
  - Yard signs
  - Posters
  - Utility Bill inserts
  - Email newsletters to multiple City lists
  - Emails to partner organizations
  - Stakeholder input
  - Focus group meetings
  - Boards & Commissions meetings
  - Hybrid and remote workshops and interviews
  - Tabling at community events
  - Pop-up events in community spaces and workplaces

- Translation of selected materials
- Community Advisory Committee input
- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Planning Commission public hearings
- Mailed property owner notifications
- **Feedback Summary:**
  - Annexation and Regional Planning*
    - Interest in orphaned roads and where they are in Redmond.
    - Interest in Potential Annexation Areas like English Hill and how they could help meet growth targets.
  - Human Services*
    - Support for this element and associated City operations.
    - Appreciation for focus on equity, regional collaboration, and inclusivity.
  - Capital Facilities*
    - Questions/clarifications on technical terms and how these policies support and/or incorporate Redmond 2050 themes.
  - Utilities*
    - Comments on how utility policies could better support equity in service provision.
  - Participation, Implementation, Evaluation*
    - Comments on catch-all terms for historically excluded groups.
    - Comment to incorporate tribal consultation.
    - Add language about impact review tools for environment, climate and economic development.
  - Climate Resilience and Sustainability*
    - Support for developing this element and appreciation for focus on equity and on vulnerable populations.
  - Natural Environment*
    - Community supportive of updates.
  - Land Use*
    - Support for allowing non-residential uses (goods, services) in residential areas.
    - Favorites include food trucks, cafes, corner stores, small healthcare, and community spaces.
    - Support for this concept especially around parks.
    - Concerns about this concept: noise and increased car traffic.
  - Community Design*
    - Community outreach begins September/October 2023.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

\$4,616,401 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development budget offer. This budget offer includes staff and consultant resources necessary to complete Redmond 2050.

**Approved in current biennial budget:** ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

**Budget Offer Number:**

0000040 - Community and Economic Development

**Budget Priority:**

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

General Fund, Washington State Department of Commerce grants

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

Two Commerce grants supported updates to the Housing Element

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/6/2020	Business Meeting	Approve
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/15/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/22/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/21/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/28/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/15/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/3/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/10/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/7/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
7/19/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
7/26/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
8/9/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/4/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/11/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/17/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/24/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/7/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information

3/14/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/5/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/12/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/26/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/3/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
	None proposed at this time	N/A

**Time Constraints:**

All Comprehensive Plan elements must be adopted by the end of 2024.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Council Input and Questions  
Attachment B: Presentation Slides

## Attachment A: Council Questions and Input for Phase 2 Policies

October 10, 2023

Council Question or Input	Initial Staff Response	Further Discussion
General Interest in Policy Discussions		
<p>Community Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach</li> <li>• Resonance with constituent conversations (Forsythe, Kritzer)</li> </ul>	<p>This new chapter in response to community feedback on both general design considerations and being a more inclusive community. The framework for the new chapter can be found in the September 27, 2023 <a href="#">Planning Commission memo</a>.</p> <p>Community feedback that helped in the development of this new chapter included preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A different look/feel for each center</li> <li>• Regulations based on outcomes (less prescriptive)</li> <li>• Removing policies that have been or could be exclusionary</li> <li>• Adding policy language on inclusive/universal design</li> <li>• Accessibility focus, ensuring we are planning for all ages and abilities</li> <li>• Integrating our diversity of cultures into our built environment</li> <li>• More emphasis on green building and design for sustainability and resiliency</li> </ul> <p>Summaries of some of these community conversations can be found here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Visioning - Design Elements (April 2021) <a href="#">Summary</a></li> <li>• Equity in Our Built Environment workshop series (Fall 2021) <a href="#">Summary</a></li> <li>• Quarterly engagement summaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Forth quarter 2022</a> - community character, inclusive design</li> <li>○ <a href="#">First quarter 2023</a> - accessibility and community design</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Second quarter 2023</a> - Marymoor Village, Downtown</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Council Question or Input	Initial Staff Response	Further Discussion
<p>Climate Resilience and Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach</li> <li>• What is above-and-beyond existing policies and state requirements?</li> </ul> <p>(Kritzer)</p>	<p>One of the primary purposes in developing this element is to align with state and regional goals and policies on climate resilience and greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions, as well as provide policy support for existing plans, such as the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP), the Community Strategic Plan, and Redmond's Operations Zero Carbon Strategy. Internal plans such as these are required to be internally consistent with each other and the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Thanks to direction from the Mayor and Council, the ESAP already includes several actions and strategies to equitably address resilience and work towards zero net emissions by 2050. The proposed element builds on this by creating clearer policy guidance that will strengthen the update of the next ESAP update in 2025 and other planning efforts.</p> <p>All of the above gives Redmond a jumpstart on meeting HB 1181 requirements for climate resilience. This allows us to move from planning to implementation more quickly and see reductions sooner. For instance, HB 1181 requires we develop and adopt a GHG reduction strategy (done - ESAP) and identify and implement strategies to increase resilience to climate impacts (done - Climate Vulnerability Assessment).</p>	
<p>Moving from policies to strategies and actions.</p> <p>(Fields)</p>	<p>Comprehensive plans establish a vision, set direction, and often identify strategies. They do not, by themselves, force action.</p> <p>Something the Council should consider in its review of Redmond Comprehensive Plan policy updates is how directive, or detailed, policies should be. Less directive policies allows for more legislative and administrative discretion, more nimbleness, more responsiveness to changing conditions, and require fewer amendments over time. More directive policies constrain legislative and administrative discretion, are less nimble and responsive, and typically must be amended more often.</p>	

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	<p>Staff's approach and recommendation in drafting has been to set clear direction and sometimes identify preferred strategies. Staff has tried to focus the policies on desired outcomes instead of specific methods to achieve those outcomes. Draft policies typically do not dictate a specific course of action, leaving those decisions to regulations, strategic plans, investment plans, budgets, and other implementation mechanisms. This also allows flexibility over time with to respond to changes in best available science, best practices, technology and other tools, partnerships, and resources.</p>	
<p>Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of city government (Stuart)</li> </ul>	<p>The overall goals of this element are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote active participation by all members of the community;</li> <li>• Ensure that the input we receive represents the diversity of the Redmond community;</li> <li>• Ensure that the city has a clear, predictable development review process; and</li> <li>• Avoid negative impacts to vulnerable communities by using equity impact review tools.</li> </ul>	
<p>Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of city government (Stuart)</li> </ul>	<p>A key goal of the Human Services Element update is to align with the 2022 Human Services Strategic Plan. The Human Services Strategic Plan is centered around the values of equity and inclusion, resiliency, integrity, and centering relationships. The plan affirms the City's commitment to ensure that community members can meet their basic needs such as food, shelter, and medical care.</p> <p>Policy HS-1 discusses the role of the City in the direct provision of human services, while other components of the element acknowledge the need for outside organizations to have substantive roles in the direct provision of human services.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HS-1 Support the community response to human service needs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">o Collaborate with other City departments.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Involve the City in direct delivery of human services when delivery is consistent with a department’s mission.</li><li>o Involve the City in direct delivery of human services when the City is one of the most effective providers, or there are no other qualified, available providers.</li></ul>																					
Land Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building heights</li><li>• Potentially other topics</li></ul> (Khan)	<p>The Land Use Element establishes a land use pattern that supports community priorities and meets state requirements for housing and overall growth. One significant change in Redmond 2050 is an emphasis on <i>complete</i> neighborhoods: places where a person can meet basic needs – shops, services, schools, parks, grocery stores, and other places that support everyday life – by walking or rolling close to home. Complete neighborhoods advance sustainability and resilience.</p> <p>Meeting growth targets for 2050 requires growing “up”. Height is one component of the visual and physical impact of a structure. A building’s relationship to the street, its façade, and materials are other important components. Policies guiding design are found in the Community Design Element.</p> <p>Building heights studied in the Draft and Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statements are:</p> <table><tr><th>Center</th><th>Alt 1 – No Action</th><th colspan="2">Preferred Alternative</th></tr><tr><td></td><th>Allowed</th><th>Typical</th><th>TOD Areas</th></tr><tr><td>Overlake Metro Center</td><td>9 – 12 stories</td><td>Up to 19 stories</td><td>Up to 30 stories</td></tr><tr><td>Downtown Urban Center</td><td>4 – 8 stories (12 in RTC)</td><td>6 – 10 stories</td><td>Up to 12 stories</td></tr><tr><td>Marymoor Village</td><td>5 - 6 stories</td><td>6 – 10 stories</td><td>Up to 10 stories</td></tr></table>	Center	Alt 1 – No Action	Preferred Alternative			Allowed	Typical	TOD Areas	Overlake Metro Center	9 – 12 stories	Up to 19 stories	Up to 30 stories	Downtown Urban Center	4 – 8 stories (12 in RTC)	6 – 10 stories	Up to 12 stories	Marymoor Village	5 - 6 stories	6 – 10 stories	Up to 10 stories	
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<b>Specific Topics</b>		
<p>Would like to learn more about traffic concerns expressed regarding non-residential uses in residential neighborhoods. (Anderson)</p>	<p>Stakeholders and staff identified that certain non-residential uses could generate traffic and parking impacts. When asked if they still supported some non-residential uses in residential areas even if there was an increase in traffic, discussion centered on planning for and mitigating or avoiding such impacts, rather than prohibiting non-residential uses.</p> <p>Some ideas for mitigating or avoiding such impacts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building multimodal infrastructure such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities.</li> <li>• Distributing non-residential geographically so that fewer customers need to rely on cars to access them.</li> </ul> <p>Areas noted for traffic concern were areas around schools, faith institutions, and areas that already experience high traffic such as streets leading to Downtown. Overall, the intention of adding non-residential uses into residential areas is to create additional businesses that the community can access with less reliance on vehicles.</p>	
<p>Interest in discussing making utility connections affordable when new development brings, for example, sewer lines close to property owners with septic tanks. (Forsythe)</p>	<p>Staff is evaluating strategies for improving affordability for sewer connections. City code does include a provision for a loan program to finance the cost of sewer connection charges (<a href="#">RMC 13.11.036</a>).</p>	

# REDMOND »»» 2050

## Phase 2 Policies

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October 10, 2023



# Agenda

- Community Design
- Climate Resilience and Sustainability
- Policies → Strategies → Action (for climate, but other topics also)

If there is more time:

- Specific questions raised on 10/3
- Human Services
- Participation, Implementation, Evaluation
- Land Use

# Community Design

## This is a New Element

- Includes centers, corridors, neighborhood, design, and historic preservation policies
- Update design standards to better reflect themes of equity and inclusion, resiliency, and sustainability
- Focus on where growth will go and what it will look like

## Input to Date

- Community seeking different look/feel for each center, but simplified regulations based on outcomes (less prescriptive)
- Policy considerations comments in 2022-2023 focused on inclusion and universal design and removal of exclusionary policies
- Outreach on first draft policies starting Sept./Oct. 2023
  - Kickoff in Welcoming Week and event on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> with Eastside for All and other partners

## Related Plans/Initiatives

- Council Strategic Plan, Cultural Inclusion Strategy Area
- DEI Program, focus on belonging and the city's commitment to being an inclusive community

# Climate Resilience and Sustainability

## This is a New Element

- Alignment with Redmond 2050 themes
- Supports greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals
- Reduce negative impacts to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities
- Make progress towards fulfilling requirements of RCW 36.70A.070(9) as amended by WA House Bill 1181 passed in 2023

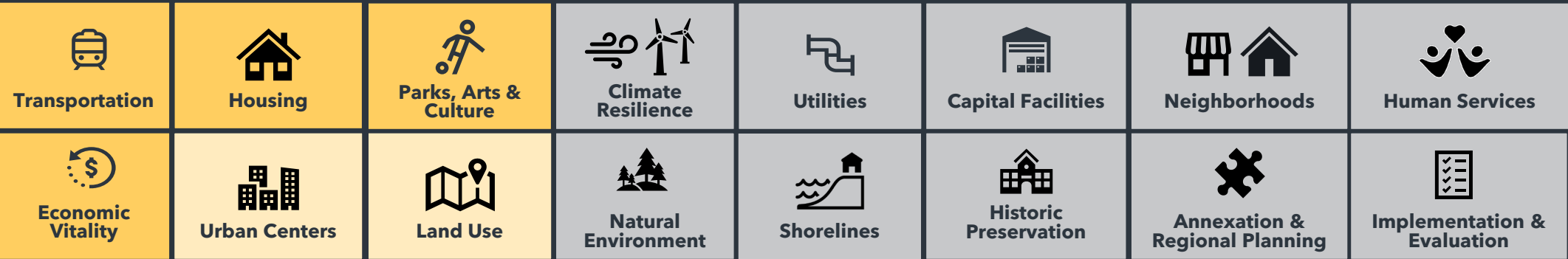
## Input to Date

- Community supportive of City's effort to develop this element
- Appreciate focus on equity and on vulnerable populations
- Desire for more sense of urgency

## Related Plans

- Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
- Community Strategic Plan
- Climate Emergency Declaration
- City of Redmond Operations Zero Carbon Strategy

# Comprehensive Plan - Adopts Vision for the City



PHASE ONE

PHASE TWO

Continual Support:



Community Involvement



Environmental Review

# Functional & Strategic Plans - Defines How Vision will be Implemented



PHASE ONE

PHASE TWO

# Financing & Implementation



BOTH PHASES

## Next Steps

### **Tonight**

Policy direction on early drafts

### **Future Study Session**

Continued input on early drafts

### **Q1 2024**

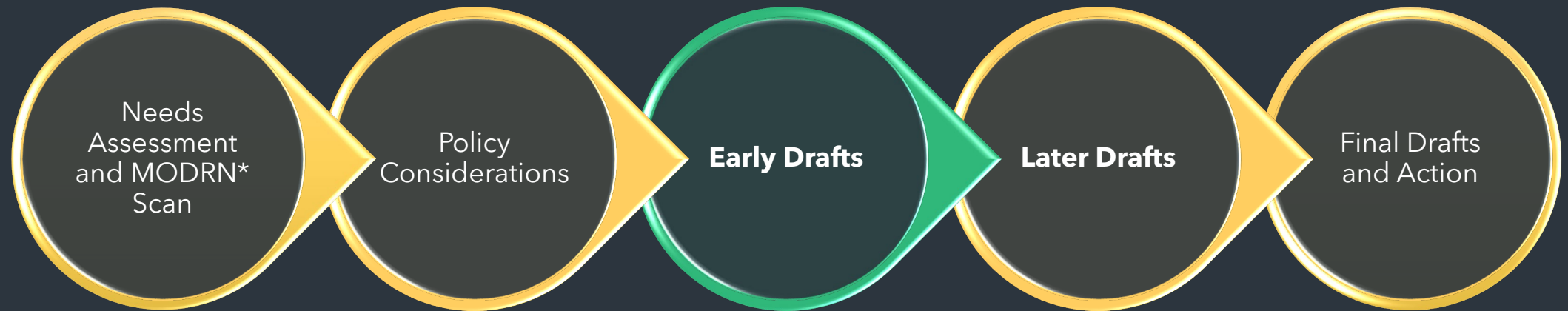
Review next drafts



# Appendix

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# From Needs Assessment to Final Action



- What updates are required?
- What is outdated?

- What's missing?
- What else should be considered?

- **Are the policies headed in the right direction?**

- Are you seeing input reflected in later drafts?

# Human Services

## Significant Updates

- Alignment with Redmond 2050 themes
- Emphasis on a proactive approach
- Emphasis on equity and inclusivity
- Capacity-building and regional collaboration
- Streamlined and consolidated policies
- Minimize jargon, increase clarity, increase accessible language

## Input to Date

- Stakeholders supportive of updates
- Stakeholders appreciative of more proactive approach
- Some questions on formatting/organization and on desired granularity for policies addressing racial equity

## Related Plans

- Human Services Strategic Plan

# Annexation and Regional Planning

## Significant Updates

- Removed policies that are not relevant to the remaining Potential Annexation Areas
- New policies for:
  - Annexation of orphaned roads
  - Pre-annexation agreements

## Input to Date

- Interest in orphaned roads and where they are in Redmond
- Interest in Potential Annexation Areas like English Hill and how they could help meet growth targets

# Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation

## Significant Updates

- Remove non-inclusive language
- Added new policies related to the following:
  - Streamline development review process
  - Involve historically excluded community groups in the planning process
  - Performance of development review processes
  - Equity impact review tools

## Input to Date

- Comments on catch all terms for historically excluded groups
- Incorporate tribal consultation
- Add language about impact review tools for environment, climate, and economic development

# Capital Facilities

## Significant Updates

- Update plan horizon from 2030 to 2050
- Update level-of-service standards
- Ensure issues around equity are considered
- Updated unclear/outdated terminology

## Input to Date

- Some questions/clarifications on technical terms and how these policies support and/or incorporate Redmond 2050 themes

# Utilities

## Significant Updates

- Updated policies to align with Redmond 2050 themes
- Consolidated and removed outdated/redundant policies (from 96 to less than 70)
- Policy update to shift away from natural gas as a preferred energy source
- Revised telecommunications policies to better reflect current and future trends
- Updated solid waste service policies to include zero-waste practices, organics, and composting

## Input to Date

- Community generally supportive of updates
- Comments on how utility policies could better support equity in service provision

# Natural Environment

## Significant Updates

- Climate change policies moving to new Climate Change and Resiliency element
- Minor updates to focus on Redmond 2050 goals
- Consolidation of tree canopy policies and better alignment with Tree Canopy Strategic Plan
- Revisions to policies to provide better clarity of intent and best practices
- Updated Critical Areas policies (Section B.) to align with Critical Areas Regulations update

## Input to Date

- Community supportive of updates

# Land Use

## Significant Updates

- Creates Neighborhood Residential designation to allow a greater variety of housing choices and integrates some non-residential uses to foster complete neighborhoods
- Streamlines land use designation structure, with elimination of Design District
- Structures mixed-use designations based on area of the City: centers and citywide
- Citywide mixed-use designation includes mixed-use zones for different scales/intensities

## Input to Date

- Community support for non-residential uses (goods, services) in residential areas
- Favorites include food trucks, cafes, corner stores, small healthcare, and community spaces
- Support especially near parks
- Concerns: noise and increased car traffic



# City of Redmond

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## Memorandum

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**Date:** 10/10/2023  
**Meeting of:** City Council Study Session

**File No.** SS 23-058  
**Type:** Study Session

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Council Talk Time