



## Memorandum

**Date:** 5/3/2022

**Meeting of:** Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

**File No.** CM 22-344

**Type:** Committee Memo

**TO:** Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

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**TITLE:**

Tree Regulations Update to the Redmond Zoning Code (LAND-2021-00016)

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Council discussed amendments to RZC 21.72, *Tree Protection*, and RZC 21.78, *Definitions* at their April 26, 2022, study session. Staff was asked to provide additional suggestions on the enforcement section of the proposed regulations, Section 21.72.100.

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

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☐ **Receive Information**

☒ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Redmond Comprehensive Plan, Tree Preservation and Landscape Enhancement subsection of the Natural Environment Element; Tree Canopy Strategic Plan; Environmental Sustainability Action Plan; Climate Action Implementation Plan; Watershed Management Plan; Community Strategic Plan; and Redmond Zoning Code.
- **Required:**  
N/A
- **Council Request:**  
April 26, 2022, Council study session
- **Other Key Facts:**  
Redmond Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 1.14, *Enforcement and Penalties*, addresses many of the issues raised around illegal tree removal penalties. This chapter allows for some leniency for first time offenders, as well as the ability to increase penalties based on unique circumstances, such as repeat offenders. Staff's suggestion is to amend the ability to establish tree value within RZC 21.72.110 and reconcile that with an amendment to RMC 1.14 that specifically addresses enforcement and penalties related to illegal tree removal.

**OUTCOMES:**

The proposed language addresses Council's concern regarding the seriousness of illegal tree removal.

**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:**

None.

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

**Budget Offer Number:**

000250

**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

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

| Date      | Meeting  | Requested Action    |
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| 3/1/2022  | Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works | Receive Information |
| 4/5/2022  | Business Meeting                                   | Receive Information |
| 4/26/2022 | Study Session                                      | Receive Information |

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

| Date     | Meeting          | Requested Action |
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| 6/7/2022 | Business Meeting | Approve          |

**Time Constraints:**

While there are no time constraints, there is considerable community support and momentum behind the adoption of code amendments that are better aligned with the city's environmental sustainability goals.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Existing regulations will remain in effect.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Proposed Revisions to Enforcement Section of Tree Regulations

Attachment B - Proposed Amendments to the Chapter 1.14 RMC, Enforcement and Penalties