

Public Works Redmond Municipal Code Update

.....Proposed Changes to Vehicles, Traffic, Streets and Sidewalks

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Path to Continual Improvement



Knowledge retention

Standard operating
procedure development

Code refresh

**Policy and
Procedures**

**APWA
Accreditation**

**Update
Municipal
Code**

Purpose/Background



- Public Works is proposing updates to multiple RMC Sections

Code Review and APWA Compliance

- Clarify authority to conduct Public Works function and comply with APWA
- Clean up code for easy of use and remove outdated items
- Improve effectiveness to support maintaining critical infrastructure



Upcoming Council Review Topics

June

- *RMC Title 10-Vehicles and Traffic*
- *RMC Title 12-Streets and Sidewalks*

July

- *RMC Title 13 – Water and Sewer*
- *RMC Title 15 – Buildings and Construction*

Sept.

- *RMC Titles 1-7 & 9*

**Q1
2026**

- *Stakeholder Engagement*
- *Planning Commission (if Zoning Code changes are identified)*

**Q2
2026**

- *Adoption*

Types of Proposed Code Changes



Type of Change	Definition	Example	Typical Impact
Administrative	Clarifies or corrects language, references, or structure without changing intent, process, or legal effect.	Adding 'or designee'; renaming 'sidewalk café' to 'outdoor dining'.	Improves readability and internal consistency.
Operational	Adjusts how the code is implemented or enforced to reflect current procedures or workflows.	Changing inspection responsibility from 'City Engineer' to 'City Inspector'.	May affect internal operations or stakeholder interactions but not legal obligations.
Substantive	Alters legal meaning, obligations, authority, or scope of the code.	Clarifying new enforcement powers; setting new restoration standards.	Documents compliance requirements, enforcement, or regulatory authority.

Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic

Substantive Changes



Section	Title	Description of Substantive Change
10.04	General Provisions	Incorporates micromobility devices and speed limit to 15 mph when riding on shared paths. Incorporates RCW.46.190 language for bicycles exception when approaching stop signs.
10.12	Enforcement	Substitutes all penalties for traffic infractions having monetary values with references to RCW 46.63.110.
10.16	City Traffic Engineer	Changes title of 10.16.010 - Office Created to Appointment and Powers to reflect how City Traffic Engineer is currently appointed and lists duties to be consistent with WAC.
10.20	Traffic Control Devices and Signals	References MUTCD, WSDOT and City Standards to comply with current federal, state, and local mandates. Removes sections referenced on 10.16.020, "play streets" and adds "bollards".

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Section	Title	Description of Substantive Change
10.34	Shared Streets	Introduces a new section to incorporate language from Senate Bill 5595 for the designation of shared streets.
10.44	Pedestrians	Removes section that is not enforceable, emphasizes drivers to stop for pedestrians on crosswalks, and removes calling specific groups for applicability of traffic law.
10.48	Bicycles and Micromobility	Incorporates micromobility devices and electric bicycles and limits their speed to 5 mph when riding on sidewalks.
10.52	Stopping, Standing, Parking	Raises allowed on-street parking on unrestricted areas to 72 hours and incorporate RCW language for unattended children and pets on vehicles.
10.62	Permits for Special Events	Incorporates traffic control plans in approval process and references RMC 10.24.047 for disruptions/closures.

Title 12 - Streets and Sidewalks

Substantive Changes



Section	Title	Description of Substantive Change
12.08.050	Street Restorations	Updates restoration requirements to allow conditions that exceed original street condition, to comply with current federal, state, and local mandates.
12.08.066	Unpermitted Work	Introduces a new section authorizing the Public Works Director to order removal of unpermitted improvements at the responsible party's expense.
12.09	Fixed Items in the ROW	Establishes a new section to affirm or authorize placement of fixed items in the public right of way that serve a demonstrated public benefit.
12.13	Emergency ROW Use	Adds a new section to define procedures for conducting emergency work in the public right of way, ensuring safety and proper oversight.
12.18	Electricity and Gas	Introduces a new section to establish policy for the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric and gas facilities in the public right of way.



Recommendation

- Approve proposed RMC Changes and authorize staff to prepare an ordinance to codify these changes for approval at an upcoming Council business meeting
- Provide direction



Thank You



Any Questions?

