



Council Policy Proposal

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Tracking Number 0004 Date of Request 9/18/2024 Requester Jessica Forsythe

Problem Statement Proposal

As a result of multiple vehicles being used to commit crimes by driving into structures and a lack of clarity on how a business owner or party of interest may submit a permit request to temporarily place protective measures in the public right of way, the attached resolution is proposed

Relationship to City Business or Proposed City Business/Services

As laid out by the draft resolution, this proposal is in line with Redmond’s Community Strategic Plan, Public Safety goals, Transportation Facilities Plan, and Vision Zero efforts.

Connection to Strategic Plan. Budget Priorities or other Citywide Plans

Choose all that apply or enter plan name

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Environmental Sustainability
- Housing Choices
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety
- Healthy and Sustainable
- Safe and Resilient
- Vibrant and Connected
- Strategic and Responsive
- Capital Investment Program

Timing

Consideration and implementation are imperative as we have seen a rise in repeated crime activity using stolen motor vehicles across our region and in particular in our downtown core where the

placement of temporary measures in the public right of way may be beneficial in the prevention of further crimes.

Supporting Documentation

<https://www.redmond.gov/1620/Community-Strategic-Plan>

<https://www.redmond.gov/704/Transportation-Facilities-Plan#:~:text=The%2018%2Dyear%20Transportation%20Facilities,range%20infrastructure%20plan%20for%20transportation.>

<https://www.redmond.gov/1625/Public-Safety>

<https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24493/RES1559-PDF?bidId=>

See attached PDF for draft resolution.

Councilmember Sponsors (not required)

*Cannot be a quorum unless discussed at an open public meeting.
When you submit/email this form to Staff also CC listed co-sponsors for affirmation of their support.*

_____ Jessica Forsythe _____
Sponsoring Councilmember

- 1. Steve Fields _____
Councilmember
- 2. _____
Councilmember

Post Action (to be completed by Council Leadership)

- Referral To Study Session
- Staff Review
- No Action
- Committee of the Whole
- Add to Priorities List / Ranking _____
- Legal Review

**CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. XXXX**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, CLARIFYING COUNCIL INTENT REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PLAN, STREET USE, AND RIGHT OF WAY DESIGN; AND REQUESTING PUBLIC WORKS TO PLAN FOR AND IMPLEMENT THIS INTENT

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has adopted as its #1 public safety objective in the Community Strategic Plan utilizing practices that avoid incarceration, including crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has adopted as its #3 public safety objective in the Community Strategic Plan a commitment to Vision Zero and addressing community-driven safety concerns in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle theft rates in the United State have increased 105% since 2019 and are increasingly used in the commission of other crimes; and

WHEREAS, stolen motor vehicles are frequently used to damage or destroy storefronts and other structures, to gain access, and to steal items of value; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that, consistent with Public Safety Objective #1 in the Community Strategic Plan, crimes should be prevented rather than resorting to prosecution after being committed, when possible; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that, consistent with Public Safety Objective #3 of the Community Strategic Plan, Vision Zero, and the Transportation Facilities Plan, right-of-way and street design can should be used to protect all users of the public right-of-way from out-of-control and malicious drivers and vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that, consistent with Objective #1 of the Community Strategic Plan, the City can and should respond to changes in criminal activity and threats, and use right-of-way design and infrastructure to prevent crimes, when reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is an appropriate use of the public right of way to install temporary protective measures when

there is a high public safety threat and/or likelihood of the use of a vehicle for destructive purposes, including threats to the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and structures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is an appropriate use of the public right of way to install permanent protective measures when there is a persistent public safety threat and/or likelihood of the use of a vehicle for destructive purposes, consistent with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council of the City of Redmond hereby requests that the Department of Public Works:
 - A. Develop a plan and process for the permitting of right-of-way use and modification for the purposes of installing or placing temporary barriers to protect people and structures from vehicles.
 - a. The permitting process shall be designed to be completed on a timeline consistent with the nature threat so that permitting delays shall not present a material risk.
 - B. Develop a plan and process for the permitting of right-of-way use and modification for the purposes of installing or placing permanent barriers and/or deterrents to protect people and structures from vehicles.
 - a. The plan shall specify the City's preferred barrier/deterrence design for applicable zones and street configurations
 - b. The plan shall at minimum provide for the placement of barriers or deterrents that are capable of preventing vehicles from entering sidewalks and other areas reserved primarily for pedestrians.
 - c. The plan shall at minimum provide for the placement of barriers or deterrents that are capable of preventing vehicles from being used to destroy structures or other fixed infrastructure.

d. The plan shall at minimum provide an approval process for barriers or deterrents not specified in the plan for the purposes of mitigating threats not contemplated by the plan.

2. Development of a permitting plan shall not be a reason to deny a permit prior to the plan's completion.