

CODE

**CITY OF REDMOND**  
**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,  
WASHINGTON, AMENDING RMC 2.52, FIRE  
DEPARTMENT; TO REPLACE ALL INSTANCES OF  
GENDERED LANGUAGE WITH GENDER-NEUTRAL TERMS

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WHEREAS, the City of Redmond is committed to being a leader in promoting the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that language plays a crucial role in shaping perceptions and attitudes, and therefore, the use of biased language can perpetuate stereotypes and hinder efforts towards inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure that all individuals, regardless of gender identity, feel respected and included within the Fire Department and know that all leadership roles are accessible to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.      Classification.      This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City Code.

Section 2.      Amendment of RMC 2.52.      RMC 2.52, Fire

Department, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2.52.030 Appointment of Chief and Personnel.**

The Chief of the Fire Department, and such other personnel as the City Council may from time to time authorize, shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall hold such appointment at the pleasure of the Mayor subject to any applicable law, ordinances, rule or regulation relating to civil service now or hereafter in effect. The Chief of the Fire Department shall on appointment take an oath of office conditioned for the faithful performance of ~~HIS~~their duties.

**2.52.040 Right of Entry.**

The Fire Chief or such of ~~HIS~~their deputies as ~~HE~~ they may then have, shall have authority all times of day and night in performance of ~~HIS~~ their duties hereunder to enter upon and examine any building or premises where any fire has occurred and any other building or premises adjoining or near thereto and at all reasonable times shall have the authority to inspect any public building or premises for fire hazards.

**2.52.050 Order to Remedy Dangerous Conditions.**

If the Fire Chief or ~~HIS~~ their deputy find in any building or premises subject to their inspection any combustible material or flammable conditions or fire hazards dangerous to the

safety of the building, premises or public ~~HE~~ **they** shall by written order require such conditions to be remedied and such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of the building or premises.

**2.52.060 Duties of Fire Chief.**

It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief to enforce all ordinances duly enacted and passed by the City Council regulating fire safety and pertaining to operation of the Fire Department and to do all things necessary for the prosecution of offenders in the manner prescribed, the Fire Chief, subject to the supervision of the Mayor, shall be responsible for the training, discipline, and control of all ~~FIREMEN~~ **firefighters**, including volunteer ~~FIREMEN~~ **firefighters**.

Section 3.      Severability.      If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5.      Effective date.      This ordinance shall become effective five days after its publication, or publication

of a summary thereof, in the city's official newspaper, or as otherwise provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

CITY OF REDMOND

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ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DANIEL KENNY, CITY ATTORNEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:  
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:  
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