



Memorandum

Date: 8/3/2026

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

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Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

2026 Annual Code Cleanup

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff recommend that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending the Redmond Zoning Code (RZC) to clarify various requirements to improve usability of the RZC for staff, customers, and community members. See Attachment A, pp. 1-2, for a summary of the code amendments included in this package.

The Planning Commission reviewed and held a public hearing on this package of amendments and recommends approval.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information**

☒ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

• **Relevant Plans/Policies:**

- Redmond 2050 PI-17: "Prepare and maintain development regulations that implement Redmond's Comprehensive Plan and include all significant development requirements. Ensure that the regulations are clearly written and can be efficiently and effectively carried out. Avoid duplicative or inconsistent requirements. Ensure that the development regulations can be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible by all people."
- Redmond 2050 CR-34: "Support, develop, and implement building and energy codes and policies that reduce energy waste, reduce the embodied carbon of materials, reduce stormwater runoff, phase out

natural gas use, and expand clean energy.”

- Economic Development Strategic plan
- Tourism Strategic Plan

- **Required:**

N/A

- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

Each year City staff reviews potential amendments to the RZC and collects the “minor” amendments into an annual code cleanup package.

OUTCOMES:

The outcome of the annual code cleanup package is to correct typos and references, codify administrative interpretations, and clarify ambiguities in the code.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

A draft was published on Redmond’s Annual Code Cleanup website on June 3. The Planning Commission had a study session on June 10 and a public hearing on June 24, 2026.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

The draft was published on the Redmond website and published in city’s monthly newsletters.

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$5,350,743 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development offer, which includes the staff time for this work.

Approved in current biennial budget:

☒ **Yes**

☐ **No**

☐ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

0000304: Community/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):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
9/1/2026	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
9/15/2026	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The result if not approved is the code will continue lack clarity in the identified areas.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Annual Code Cleanup Planning Commission Report

Attachment B: Annual Code Cleanup Planning Commission Report Appendices