

RMC 4.23 Design Review Board

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~~4.23.010~~

~~Purpose.~~

~~The Design Review Board is created independent from the legislative and staff functions of the City. The purpose of the Design Review Board is to review land use permit applications and to make urban design decisions that will promote visual quality throughout the City in accord with the purposes and design criteria set forth in Redmond Zoning Code (RZC) Article III, Design Standards.~~

~~4.23.020~~

~~Authority and duties.~~

~~A. The Design Review Board shall review all applications as noted in RZC Chapter 21.76, Review Procedures.~~

~~B. The Design Review Board may create ad hoc committees for special studies. The Board and its members are to be free from the interference of individual City Council members, Planning Commission members, City officials or other persons.~~

~~C. The Design Review Board may conduct pre-application meetings or consultations with representatives of the Technical Committee.~~

~~4.23.030~~

~~Appointments and qualifications.~~

~~A. The Design Review Board shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council.~~

~~B. Notice of availability of a position on the Board shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation in the City with said notice to be published no later than 30 days after the effective date of the availability or vacancy of the position. Interested persons may apply for the position by submitting their application and qualifications to the Mayor's Office. Applications shall be accepted for a period of~~

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~~30 days after the date of publication; provided, that this period may be extended by the Mayor if deemed necessary to obtain sufficient qualified candidates for appointment. Positions may be filled from the list of applicants. In the event there are no applicants or there are an insufficient number of applicants for the positions available, the Mayor may appoint persons to positions who are not otherwise on the list of applicants.~~

~~C. Five of the members of the Board shall be from the professions of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design or similar disciplines and need not be residents of the City of Redmond. The remaining two members of the Board shall be residents of Redmond and need not be members of the set forth professions.~~

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~~Term of office.~~

~~The regular term of office for Design Review Board members shall be four years.~~

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~~Vacancies.~~

~~Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as initial appointments and members appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term.~~

~~4.23.060~~

~~Removal.~~

~~Any member of the Design Review Board may be removed for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance. Removal proceedings may be initiated by the Mayor or the City Council and notice of any proposed removal shall be given to the Board member at least ten days prior to any City Council vote upon the removal. Within ten days of receipt of a notice of intended removal, the Board member may request a public hearing on the removal before the City Council. The Council shall conduct a public hearing, if requested. Upon completion of the hearing, or following the expiration of ten days from the notice date if no hearing is requested, the Council may take action on the removal. A two-thirds vote of the Council is required for removal. Notwithstanding the above, when a member misses three~~

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~~consecutive regular business meetings without being excused by majority vote of the Design Review Board, the member's position shall automatically become vacant and a successor shall be appointed.~~

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~~Rules:~~

~~The Design Review Board shall adopt rules for the transaction of its business. The rules shall provide for but are not to be limited to the date, time, place and format of regular meetings. Provision shall be made for a record of proceedings, reports, studies, findings, conclusions and recommendations. Said rules shall provide for the election of a Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman for a one-year term each. Said rules shall provide that the meetings of the Board shall be open to the public but that no special notice of the meetings need be given nor shall such meetings be public hearings although nothing shall prohibit the Board from soliciting explanations and additional input from the applicant or applicant's representatives and such other sources as the Board deems necessary to enable it to complete its review of the application. Rules of the Design Review Board shall be approved by the City Council and kept on file with the Planning Department.~~

~~4.23.080~~

~~Staff services:~~

~~The Director of Planning and Community Development shall be responsible for the general administration of the Design Review Board and may request staff services from other City departments.~~

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~~Voting:~~

~~The decisions of the Design Review Board shall be made by a majority vote of the quorum present at the time of decision. A majority of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided, that at least four shall be required to constitute a quorum excluding any disqualifications. Action may be taken by a majority of those present when those present constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Design Review Board. Any number less than a quorum shall be authorized to convene a meeting at the time set and to adjourn, recess or continue a regular or special meeting to a date and time certain.~~

~~4.23.100~~

~~Conflict of interest.~~

~~Members of the Design Review Board shall disqualify themselves from sitting as a member of the Board and shall not otherwise participate on behalf of themselves or any applicant in any Design Review Board actions in which they have a financial interest. A financial interest shall be deemed to include, but not be limited to, a member's own interest or the interest of a client or employer.~~