

CODE

CITY OF REDMOND
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE
4.40, PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION, TO UPDATE
CODE LANGUAGE TO REFLECT CURRENT PROCESSES,
CHANGE MEMBER TERMS AND RESIDENCY CRITERIA,
AND ADD "RECREATION" TO THE NAME OF THE
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Parks and Trails commission would like to update code language to be more inclusive to the Redmond community and to reflect current processes; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to align the Parks and Trails Commission term limit and residency requirements with that of the Arts and Culture Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to change the name of the Parks and Trails Commission to "Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission" as recreation programming is a substantial portion of the work of the department, and the commission may be asked to make recommendations regarding the programs, classes, events, and community centers where these activities take place; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council now desires to codify these changes.

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 3. Amendment of Chapter. RMC 4.40, Parks and
Trails Commission, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 4.40

PARKS, ~~[AND]~~ TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMISSION*

Sections:

4.40.010 Parks, ~~[AND]~~ Trails and Recreation Commission
established - Qualifications of members.

4.40.020 Term of office - Vacancies - Removal.

4.40.030 Powers and duties.

4.40.040 Compensation - Reimbursement.

4.40.050 Rules of procedure.

4.40.060 Previous references.

4.40.010 Parks, ~~[AND]~~ Trails and Recreation Commission
established - Qualifications of members.

A. The Redmond Parks, ~~[AND]~~ Trails and Recreation Commission
is hereby created and established. The Parks, ~~[AND]~~ Trails and
Recreation Commission shall consist of nine members, each of whom

shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the City Council. All appointments shall be made from persons with an interest in parks, trails and recreation [~~AND AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS SHALL HAVE A PRIMARY INTEREST IN TRAILS~~]. Consideration should be given to appointments that result in broad geographic and demographic representation of interested and knowledgeable people. Appointments should also strive to reflect the diverse park, recreation, and trail use interests of the community, such as active and passive recreation interests and the use of trails by walkers, joggers, skaters, bicyclists, equestrians, and nonmotorized watercraft on the City's "blue stream," the Sammamish River. Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliations, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or physical or sensory handicap. [~~SEVEN MEMBERS SHALL RESIDE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND TWO MEMBERS SHALL RESIDE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.~~] At least seven members of the commission shall reside within the city limits at the time of their appointment and throughout their terms of office. Up to two members may be nonresidents who live in unincorporated King County on property with a Redmond postal address or whose main employment is with a business located within the Redmond city limits and works primarily on-site in the city.

4.40.020 Term of office - Vacancies - Removal.

A. ~~[The initial membership of the Parks and Trails Commission shall consist of the five members of the Redmond Board of Park Commissioners whose terms have not expired as of the date of passage of the ordinance creating the Parks and Trails Commission, together with the four members of the Redmond Trails Commission whose terms have not expired as of said date. Those members of the Redmond Board of Park Commissioners who become Parks and Trails Commission members under this section shall serve until the end of their current three-year terms of office as provided by previous ordinances. Those members of the Redmond Trails Commission who become Parks and Trails Commission members under this section shall serve until the end of their current four-year terms of office as provided by previous ordinances. All appointments to such positions thereafter shall be for four-year terms.]~~ **The term of any board member is three years, with an opportunity to renew for a second three-year term. Any member appointed prior to April 1, 2023, shall complete their four-year term, and if reappointed, shall serve a three-year term.** Vacancies that occur other than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Mayor, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the City Council. Members may be removed by the Mayor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misfeasance or

malfeasance in office, or incapacity. Each member shall hold office until a successor is appointed and confirmed.

4.40.030 Powers and duties.

A. The Parks, ~~[AND]~~ Trails **and Recreation** Commission shall have the power and duty:

1. To make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning the acquisition, improvement and use of parks, playgrounds, and recreational equipment and facilities, and on the acquisition, development and use of trail facilities;

2. To make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning the development of enjoyable, safe, and convenient trail opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians throughout the City of Redmond planning area;

3. To identify current and future park, recreation, and trail interests and needs of the community and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Council, and Planning Commission on parks, recreation, and trail policies and design issues for the Comprehensive Plan, the ~~[PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE (PRO)-PLAN]~~ **Parks, Art, Recreation, Culture & Conservation (PARCC) Plan,** and the Redmond Zoning Code;

4. To ~~[CONDUCT]~~ **support** surveys **and outreach** for parks and trails maintenance and safety;

5. To review and comment on public and private development actions to protect park, recreation, and trail interests and to identify park, recreation, and trail opportunities and options during development review;

6. To make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for rules and regulations governing the use and management of parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and trails, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations relating to user fees and charges;

7. To involve [~~THE CITIZENS~~] community members [~~OF REDMOND~~] and the users of Redmond parks, trails, and recreation facilities and programs on issues related to acquisition, design, maintenance, and use of such facilities and programs; and

8. To make recommendations on any and all other matters brought before the Parks, and Trails and Recreation Commission by the Mayor, City Council, or staff.

4.40.040 Compensation - Reimbursement.

A. Members of the Parks, and Trails and Recreation Commission shall serve without salary or compensation. Members may be reimbursed from park department funds for necessary expenses actually incurred.

4.40.050 Rules of procedure.

A. The Parks, ~~[AND]~~ Trails **and Recreation** Commission shall adopt procedural rules governing the transaction of its business. The rules shall include provision of the date, time, and place of regular meetings of the Commission. Provision shall be made for maintaining minutes of Commission meetings and records of all Commission reports, conclusions and recommendations. The rules of procedure shall provide for the election of Commission officers, which shall include a chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall serve for at least one year. The rules of procedure shall provide that all Commission meetings shall be open to the public and that notice of meetings shall comply with the Washington State Open **Public** Meetings Act, to the extent proceedings of the Commission are governed by such Act. The procedures shall address receipt and processing of ~~[CITIZEN]~~ **community member** proposals and requests.

4.40.060 Previous references.

Whenever the terms "Board of Park Commissioners" ~~[OR]~~, "Trails Commission", **or "Parks and Trails Commission"** are used in any section of the Redmond Municipal Code or Redmond Zoning Code, or in any other ordinance, resolution, contract, or other document of the City of Redmond, the same shall be hereafter deemed to mean the Parks, ~~[AND]~~ Trails **and Recreation** Commission established by this chapter.

Section 4. 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 _____, 2023.

CITY OF REDMOND

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JAMES E. HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY

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PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:
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