

**CITY OF REDMOND
ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, REVISING SECTION 21.17.010(D) OF THE
REDMOND ZONING CODE TO PROHIBIT THE DRILLING OF
NEW PRIVATE WELLS WITHIN THE CITY AND REQUIRE
CONNECTION TO THE CITY WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING
FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond (“City”) operates and maintains a public water system to serve customers of the City; and

WHEREAS, the aquifer below the City is a key water source for the City water system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to WAC 173-508-040 and RCW 19.27.097(2) the City is required to provide an adequate quantity and quality of water in a reliable manner at all times and may require new customers to connect to the public water system; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect aquifer resources that supply the City water system the City Council desires to amend the City Zoning Code Section 21.17.010(D) to confirm its position as the exclusive provider of water and to prohibit the construction of new wells within the City limits of the City; and

WHEREAS the City Council acknowledges protecting our ground water resources from the impacts of climate change is of paramount duty, and the City is working to build resiliency and take proactive steps to maintain our aquifer for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that passage of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City.

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 Zoning Code.

Section 2. Revision to Code. RZC 21.17.010(D)(1) and (2) are hereby amended to read in full as follows:

RZC 21.17.010(D)

- (1) All new uses and development shall be served by the City water system. The City shall be the exclusive provider of water in the City. With the exception of wells that are drilled as part of the City water system, no new wells shall be drilled in the City for any purpose. All uses and development shall also be served by an adequate public sewage disposal system, including both collection and treatment facilities, that meet the requirements of this section.
- (2) For the issuance of a building permit, preliminary plat approval or other land use approval, the applicant must demonstrate the following:
 - a. The proposed development can be connected to the City's water system.
 - b. Sufficient flow to serve the proposed uses and their needed fire flow exists.
 - c. Sufficient storage capacity to serve the proposed uses and their needed fire flows exists.

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 the constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication, or publication of a summary thereof, in the City's newspaper or as otherwise provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF REDMOND

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL D XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

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