

NON-CODE

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN REDMOND
CENTER PLAN, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that comprehensive plans and development regulations shall be subject to continuing evaluation and review; and

WHEREAS, the City began the work of updating the Redmond Comprehensive Plan in late 2020 and refers to the update as Redmond 2050; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of updating the Comprehensive Plan is to extend the planning horizon from 2030 to 2050; to incorporate the themes of equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resilience; to reflect changes in the GMA, regional, and countywide planning documents since 2011; and to reflect City actions or studies since the 2011 Comprehensive Plan update; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 1538, which established the scope, timeline, and community involvement plan for Redmond 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond completed the periodic update of its comprehensive plan on November 19, 2024, Ord. No. 3181; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Comprehensive Plan establishes policies to guide the growth and development of Downtown Redmond, especially in the Community Development and Design Element; and

WHEREAS, PSRC is undertaking an initiative to designate new centers and re-designate existing centers in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Redmond was first designated as a regional growth center in 1995 by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC); and

WHEREAS, Downtown Redmond is currently designated as a Regional Growth Center - Urban in PSRC's centers framework; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Downtown Redmond Center Plan to meet updated center designation requirements from PSRC; and

WHEREAS, throughout Redmond 2050 the City executed a multifaceted community involvement program to engage Redmond's diverse community, using methods such as a digital city hall lobby, online questionnaires, virtual workshops, in-person workshops, social media, videos, yard signs, utility bill inserts, newsletters, focus groups, contracting with community-based organizations, office hours, tabling at community events, pop-up engagement around the city, translating materials, a community advisory committee, a technical advisory committee, and attending board and commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2020, the City of Redmond issued determination of significance for Redmond 2050 under the State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on June 16, 2022, a Supplemental Draft EIS on September 20, 2023, and a Final EIS on December 15, 2023, for Redmond 2050; and

WHEREAS, state agencies were sent a 60-day notice for the Downtown Redmond Center Plan on November 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, from September 11, 2024, to January 22, 2025, the Planning Commission conducted study sessions and held public hearings for the package of amendments that included the Downtown Redmond Center Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the Commission's recommendation at its meetings on February 4 and February 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, having considered the Planning Commission's recommendation and community input, the City Council desires to adopt the Downtown Redmond Center Plan.

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

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Findings and Conclusions. The City Council hereby adopts the findings and conclusions contained in the associated Planning commission Report, including all related attachments and exhibits to that report, City file no. LAND-2024-00216.

Section 3. Downtown Redmond Center Plan Adopted. The Downtown Redmond Center Plan is adopted as shown in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

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 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 17th day of June,
2025.

CITY OF REDMOND

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DANIEL KENNY, CITY ATTORNEY

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