



Memorandum

Date: 4/1/2025  
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 25-048  
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council  
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney  
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

Fire	Adrian Sheppard, Fire Chief	425-556-2201
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Fire	Micheal Despain	Interim Deputy Fire Chief
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**TITLE:**

Acceptance of a Donation, in the Amount of \$16,000, from the Microsoft Corporation, for the Purchase of an Electric Fire Engine

- a. Ordinance No. 3210: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Accepting a Donation of Sixteen Thousand Dollars from the Microsoft Corporation to Offset the Cost for the Electric Fire Engine and Authorizing the Mayor to Carry Out the Terms of the Donation

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

In January 2025, the City of Redmond was notified of an award for \$16,000 from the Microsoft corporation (Microsoft). The donation requires no matching funds. Funds can be requested immediately upon accepting the donation.

This request is for Council to accept the donation, and to direct staff to direct the funds to offset the cost of the electric fire engine.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

- Receive Information
- Provide Direction
- Approve

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
N/A
- **Required:**  
Council approval is required for acceptance of a donation.
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**

N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

Implementing the use of electric fire engine will help achieve the goals set by both cities in terms of lowering the use of fossil fuels, lowering the production of CO2 within our fleets, lowering routine maintenance cost, and reducing noise levels during routine/non-emergency operation of the vehicles in the community. However, the barrier to wider adoption of this technology is due to the high cost of the new technology (electric fire engines) and the additional cost associated with installing and upgrading the electrical infrastructure needed to support these new units. This donation will help lower the cost of deploying these electric fire engines and allow Redmond to demonstrate the effectiveness of this new technology to fire agencies across the nation.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Various social media posts regarding the progress of the assembly of the electric fire engine. Formal unveiling of the unit was conducted on February 1, 2025.
- **Feedback Summary:**  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

Total Cost of project including charging infrastructure - \$2,348,619

City of Redmond cost after accepting the Microsoft donation + all other sources of grants and donations = \$264,491

**Approved in current biennial budget:**       Yes       No       N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**

N/A

**Budget Priority:**

Safe and Resilient

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**       Yes       No       N/A

**If yes, explain:**

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

Donation

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

None

Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
3/18/2025	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

**Time Constraints:**

N/A

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

The difference in costs will need to be covered by the General Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Award Letter from Microsoft

Attachment B: Ordinance