



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Ratification of King County Countywide Planning Policies

- a. Resolution No. 1576: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Ratifying 2023 Amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff recommends that the Council adopt a resolution ratifying the 2023 amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies.

The King County Countywide Planning Policies were comprehensively updated in 2021 and ratified by King County and cities within King County in 2022. Concurrently, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) directed the King County Affordable Housing Committee to conduct additional research and analysis, resulting in the 2023 amendments to the CPPs that the King County Council adopted on August, 15, 2023.

The 2023 amendments to the CPPs establish subregional and jurisdictional affordable housing needs and an accountability and implementation framework for equitably meeting countywide affordable housing needs.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Redmond Comprehensive Plan Policy A-1 directs the City to work cooperatively with, among others, King

County, to address planning issues at a countywide scale.

- **Required:**

RCW 36.70A.070(2) governs the contents of comprehensive plan housing elements, including planning to meet affordable housing needs.

RCW 36.70A.210 governs countywide planning policies.

GMPC Motion 21-1 directed that the work resulting in 2023 CPP amendments be completed.

- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties and cities to collaboratively and periodically review and update the CPPs. The primary purpose of the CPPs is to ensure consistency and coordination among comprehensive plans for cities and towns within King County.

The GMPC is a body of elected officials from jurisdictions throughout the county charged with overseeing the preparation of the CPPs. The Affordable Housing Committee is a committee of the GMPC. In 2021, the GMPC directed the AHC to conduct additional research and analysis related to affordable housing arising from new requirements imposed through HB 1220 and codified in RCW 36.70A.070(2).

The GMPC and AHC are supported by local jurisdiction staff who sit on staff-level counterparts to the AHC and GMPC. Redmond staff participate in those committees and assisted in the development and review of materials matriculating to the AHC and GMPC.

Now that King County has adopted the 2023 amendments to the CPPs, cities have 90 days to act on them. The deadline for the City Council act on the 2023 amendments is November 30, 2023. Under CPP policy FW-1, taking no action is deemed the same as approval.

OUTCOMES:

Ratification of the amended CPPs will demonstrate active involvement and participation in the process provided under the Growth Management Act and the CPPs. Redmond 2050 already incorporates the requirements of the amended CPPs related to affordable housing need.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

Community engagement was conducted principally in 2022 and was conducted by the Affordable Housing Committee and its staff.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

AHC engaged the GMPC, jurisdictional stakeholders, Washington State Department of Commerce staff, and the Community Partners Table. The Community Partners Table comprised representatives from communities disproportionately impacted by housing cost burden.

- **Feedback Summary:**

Three key principles emerged during the process that guided AHC's work:

1. Increase housing choices for low- and moderate-income households in areas with fewer affordable options currently.
2. Promote a more equitable distribution of housing choices across all jurisdictions.

3. Align with the Growth Management Act (GMA), Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), and Commerce's minimum countywide need allocation standards.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$4,616,401 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development offer, which includes the staff time devoted to this work.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

0000040 - Community and Economic Development

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

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

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/3/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
10/17/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

Council action on the 2023 amendments to the CPPs must occur by November 30, 2023. No action is the deemed the same as approval.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If the Council specifically disapproves the 2023 amendments to the CPPs then Redmond will not be counted toward the 30% of city and county governments representing at least 70% of the county's population needed to ratify the amended CPPs.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Draft Resolution Ratifying 2023 Amendments to the CPPs
Exhibit 1: 2023 Amendments to the CPPs