



Council Policy Proposal

Form Instructions:

Please save as a copy and return this form to Diedra Maher at dmaher@redmond.gov by Wednesday at 5 p.m., **two weeks prior** to the requested meeting date. Council Leadership will be alerted there is an item to schedule for consideration at a future Council Talk Time. This form and any attached documentation will be provided to the City Clerk for addition to the agenda for all Councilmembers and the public to review.

Title:	Ground Water Bottling
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Tracking Number	0001	Requester Name	Jessica Forsythe
Submission Date	6/20/2024	Requested Meeting Date	Click or tap to enter a date.

Sponsoring Councilmember's Proposed Follow-up Action

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Review — Study Session	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enter proposed next action.

Problem Statement

A clear and concise description of the issue(s) that need(s) to be addressed.

Beneath the Downtown, Avondale Rd and southeast Redmond areas lie sand and gravel that was deposited long ago by glaciers and rivers. Within the tiny spaces of this geologic material flows groundwater that supplies 40% of Redmond's drinking water.

Recently, a neighboring city has seen commercial production of bottled water threaten their groundwater supply. In an effort to protect Redmond's drinking water supply and ensure the protection of the 40% of our water for generations to come in the face of climate change, I submit the following we protect our critical water supply.

Proposal

What is being proposed to assist in addressing the issue described in the problem statement?

See Problem Statement above.

Relationship to City Business or Proposed City Business and/or Services

Describe how this will enhance what is already offered and/or what it will provide that is not currently available. Why is this the City's issue to address? How will this create a more adaptive and resilient organization?

Proposed Action for addition to City Code where applicable per staff and legal review:

- For the purposes of applications for new water withdrawals received after January 1, 2025, and considered pursuant to this section, any use of water for the commercial production of bottled water is deemed to be detrimental to the public welfare and the public interest.
- For the purposes of this subsection, "bottled water" includes all water that is labeled or marketed for sale as "water" in containers, including plastic bottles. "Bottled water" also includes the category of bottled waters known as "spring water" or "enhanced waters," but does not include any other product made from water that is not marketed as "water." This limitation does not apply if there is a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to RCW 43.06.010 or an order or drought emergency issued pursuant to RCW 43.83B.405. This limitation does

not apply if there is a public health emergency and bottled water is needed because of a public water system's inability to provide water service to its customers.

(c) This subsection does not apply to an application from a municipal water supplier.

Connection to Strategic Plan and/or Budget Priorities

Choose all that apply or enter the plan name.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Sustainable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe and Resilient
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Choices	<input type="checkbox"/> Vibrant and Connected
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic and Responsive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Investment Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Click or tap here to enter text.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Click or tap here to enter text.</u>

Timing & Supporting Documentation

Is this issue time-sensitive? Are there other timing factors to consider?

Initial question of code updates to protect 40% of Redmond's groundwater was raised at the meeting with Cascade several months ago. Issue was also raised at Council Retreat and myself and CM Nuevacamina volunteered to lead the effort. The sooner was act the better as our groundwater is a precious resource

Are there documents that support your request or that should be considered?

The state attempted to take action on this exact topic with SB 6278 (2019-20) which was passed by the Senate. The language above is repurposed from SB 6278 regarding water rights and the commercial production of bottled water for sale. The bill made it to the House and passed through committee but no action was take in Executive Session. The fiscal note found no fiscal impacts <https://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6278.pdf?q=20240529101610>

Bill analysis <https://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/House/6278-S.E%20HBA%20RDAN%2020.pdf?q=20240529104612>

Pre-emptively protecting our precious ground water supply:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/feb/18/bottled-water-ban-washington-state>

<https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/environment/resources/water-rights>

Councilmember Sponsors (not required)

There cannot be a quorum for any proposal until discussed at an open public meeting.

	<u>Steve Fields</u> Co-Sponsoring Councilmember (1)
<u>Jessica Forsythe</u> Sponsoring Councilmember	<u>Angie Nuevacamina</u> Co-Sponsoring Councilmember (2)

When you submit/email this form to Staff also CC listed co-sponsors for affirmation of their support.

Post Action (to be completed by Legislative Coordinator)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole <u>10/1/2024</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Review <u>Click or tap to enter a date.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Meeting <u>Click or tap to enter a date.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Study Session <u>Click or tap to enter a date.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Add to Priorities Ranking List

☐ No Action [Click or tap here to reason.](#)

Completion Summary (to be completed by Legislative Coordinator)

☐ Action Completed [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)



RE Council's
Groundwater Hopper.

(07/09/24) Referred to Public Works for review: Amanda Balzer, Chris Stenger, Aaron Moldver.

(08/05/24) Referred to Amy Tsai for review against the Legislative Agenda. A direct nexus was not identified.

(10/01/24) Presented at 2PW COW. Canceled meeting with attorneys scheduled for 10/3

(11/21/24) Rescheduled meeting with attorneys. Referred to Study Session to discuss code revision options.

(12/04/24) Referred to Executive Session scheduled for 02/04/2025.