



Memorandum

Date: 10/5/2021  
Meeting of: City Council

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Type: Consent Item

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

Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the General Wastewater Plan Update

- a. Ordinance No. 3061: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending the Redmond Comprehensive Plan by Adopting the 2021 General Wastewater Plan Update, Amending Associated Elements of the Comprehensive Plan, Providing for Severability, and Establishing an Effective Date

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The City Wastewater Utility seeks Council approval of the Draft City of Redmond General Wastewater Plan Update. This plan ensures that the conveyance capacity of Redmond’s Wastewater Utility matches anticipated growth within the City. This is a functional plan, required by the Washington State Growth Management Act, and is based on the City’s current zoning allowances assuming built-out conditions.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

Link to complete Draft General Wastewater Plan Update:

<https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17333/City-of-Redmond-General-Wastewater-Plan-Update-Sept2021-PDF?bidId=>>

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Receive Information
- Provide Direction
- Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
The Draft General Wastewater Plan Update supports 32 Comprehensive Policies. The most pertinent include:
  - CF-1 Develop and regularly update functional plans that assess capital facility needs and strategies for addressing such needs. Provide opportunities for public involvement appropriate to the nature of the update. Use functional plans to guide the development of capital priorities and investment decisions

within each of the following functional areas...Waste and sewer systems;

- UT-1 Ensure that adequate public utilities and facilities are planned for, located, extended, and sized consistent with the planned growth described in the Goals, Vision and Framework Policies; Annexation and Regional Planning; and Land Use Elements.

- **Required:**

The draft plan meets requirements in the *Washington State Growth Management Act* [RCW 36.70A.70 (3)] relating to capital facility planning efforts.

- **Council Request:**

At the July 20, 2021 Regular Business meeting, Council requested a presentation on this item at the August 10, 2021 Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole meeting.

- **Other Key Facts:**

The General Wastewater Plan Update is part of the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket. Due to a delay in receiving comments from the Washington State Department of Ecology, a proviso in the ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket allows the plan's inclusion as part of the docket so long as Council adopts the plan by October 26, 2021.

After Council's adoption, the plan will be reviewed and adopted by King County and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

**OUTCOMES:**

This plan ensures that the conveyance capacity of Redmond's Wastewater Utility keeps pace with the City's growth. The plan will be used by the City and developers to identify where pipes, pumps, and other wastewater infrastructure need to be extended or replaced.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

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

March 8 through April 2, 2021

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

--Created a "Let's Connect Redmond" webpage to solicit and gather input from stakeholders.

--Sent a targeted email using City's GovDelivery System to 132 construction/development businesses that work in or near Redmond.

--Announced release of the draft plan using the City's EnviroNews newsletter. This was followed-up with 2 Facebook announcements spaced one week apart.

--Held three sets of "Office Hours" allowing stakeholders to directly contact the plan's project manager.

--Held an online stakeholders' meeting May 30, 2021.

- **Feedback Summary:**

We received no public comments on the draft plan. The GovDelivery Report indicates that the email was delivered, and that some of the stakeholders clicked on links to access online information about the plan. No contacts were made during office hours. Only two individuals attended the online stakeholder meeting; neither provided comments.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget:  Yes  No  N/A

Budget Offer Number:  
N/A

Budget Priority:  
N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs:  Yes  No  N/A  
If yes, explain:  
N/A

Funding source(s):  
N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:  
N/A

Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/8/2021	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction
7/20/2021	Business Meeting	Provide Direction
8/10/2021	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction

**Time Constraints:**

The ordinance authorizing items to be included in the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket included language requiring Council's adoption of the General Wastewater Plan Update by no later than October 26, 2021.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Lack of approval of this item will place the City in conflict with the Growth Management Act and potentially harm the City's ability to supply wastewater conveyance in growing areas of the City.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Ordinance adopting the General Wastewater Plan Update

Attachment B: Planning Commission Report to Council

Attachment C: General Wastewater Plan Update Executive Summary