

ORDINANCE NO 2444

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER,
RMC 2 19, POET LAUREATE, TO THE MUNICIPAL
CODE, CREATING THE POSITION OF POET LAUREATE
OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, DEFINING THE DUTIES
AND FUNCTIONS OF THE POET LAUREATE,
ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF
THE POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate makes a significant contribution
to the cultural life of a city, and

WHEREAS, the literary arts are an essential part of the
human spirit and can reveal new ways of understanding throughout
our diverse community, and

WHEREAS, the Poet Laureate of Redmond will broaden the
awareness of poetry, express the spirit of Redmond culture
through poetry, and raise the level of discourse during
discussions and debates in the City, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Arts Commission has carefully
considered the process of selecting and guiding the efforts of a
Poet Laureate, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council has determined that it
should support a more vibrant sense of community and culture in
Redmond

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

Section 1. Adoption of Chapter RMC 2 19, Poet

Laureate, is hereby added to read as follows

Chapter 2.19

POET LAUREATE

Sections:

2.19.010 Poet Laureate Established - Selection, Responsibilities, and Compensation

(A) The Redmond Arts Commission shall set criteria for selection of the Poet Laureate and recommend candidates for the position to the Mayor for approval by the City Council,

(B) The Responsibilities of the Poet Laureate shall be established by the Redmond Arts Commission and may include but not be limited to providing public poetry readings, reading poetry at city council meetings, composing and publishing poems, teaching poetry classes, and encouraging poetry appreciation within Redmond,

(C) The Poet Laureate shall be compensated through a contract established by the Arts Commission from Arts Activity Funds

Section 2 Severability If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any code provision adopted hereby should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a

court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any such code provision

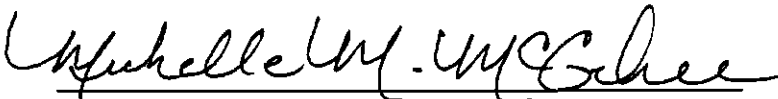
Section 3 Effective Date This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of a summary consisting of the title

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 20th day of January, 2008

CITY OF REDMOND


MAYOR PRO TEMPORE NANCY MCCORMICK

ATTEST


MICHELLE M MCGEHEE, CMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

By  _____

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK	January 13, 2009
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL	January 20, 2009
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR	January 20, 2009
PUBLISHED	January 26, 2009
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 31, 2009
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PASSED (6-1), YES Carson, Cole, Margeson, McCormick, Myers and Vache, NO Allen