



Memorandum

Date: 6/7/2022
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 22-082
Type: Consent Item

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

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Redmond Municipal Code Section 15.24, Clearing, Grading, and Storm Water Management:

- a. Ordinance No. 3081: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Chapter 15.24, Clearing, Grading, and Storm Water Management Code of the Redmond Municipal Code to make minor corrections and changes to references, providing for severability and establishing an effective Date

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Minor revisions to Redmond Municipal Code (RMC) Section 15.24, Clearing, Grading, and Stormwater Management, are needed to assure continued compliance with the City’s 2019 Municipal Stormwater Permit (Phase II Permit) administered by the Department of Ecology. The revisions provide clarity, ensure consistency among code sections and reference documents, and update references to the appropriate version of Ecology’s Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Compliance with relevant plans and policies:**
Community Strategic Plan

Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
Utilities Strategic Plan

- **Regulatory compliance:**
Water Pollution Control Act (Washington State)
Clean Water Act (federal)
- **Council request:**
NA
- **Other key facts:**
The city is required to implement updated technical requirements, thresholds, and definitions as set forth in the Phase II permit no later than June 30, 2022. To accomplish this RMC 15.24 must be revised to reference Ecology’s 2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.

OUTCOMES:

RMC 15.24 has a stated purpose to “Safeguard life, property, public health, and general welfare; minimize water quality degradation; prevent excessive sedimentation of or erosion by surface waters; and prevent the creation of public nuisances such as fouling of surface or groundwater”. Furthermore, this section is intended “.... to reduce impacts from land development; preserve and enhance wildlife habitat in and along surface waters; enhance the aesthetic quality of the area waters; minimize erosion; preserve trees; and preserve natural topographic features.”

A clear, concise, and current Clearing, Grading, and Stormwater code supports customers and staff during implementation of stormwater management regulations as applied to public and private development and helps protect public health and environmental resources.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
Note: The Redmond Stormwater Technical Notebook is being updated concurrently with the RMC. That effort includes community/stakeholder outreach and involvement opportunities.
- **Outreach methods and results:**
N/A
- **Feedback summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

This administrative process involves staff time but no additional funding. The minor, non-substantive nature of the recommended amendment focuses on increasing the codes’ predictability and assuring compliance with Phase II permit requirements. These changes are anticipated to reduce the cost of preparing and reviewing development proposals.

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:
000214

Budget Priority:

Healthy and Sustainable

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

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

Stormwater Utility rate revenues

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
5/3/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

The Phase II permit requires, by June 30, 2022, all permitted jurisdictions to make effective a program that enacts specific minimum requirements, technical thresholds, and definitions originating in Ecology's 2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Failure to adopt specific changes to RMC 15.24 by June 30, 2022, would result in Phase II permit violations. Violations could be subject to legal or enforcement action by the Department of Ecology, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or other third parties.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: RMC 15.24 Amendment

Attachment B: RMC 15.24 Ordinance

Attachment C: Issues Matrix