

Public Works Redmond Municipal Code Update

**Proposed Changes to Title 13 - Water and Sewers
and Title 15 - Buildings and Construction**

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Path to Continual Improvement



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Knowledge retention

Standard operating
procedure development

Code refresh

**Policy and
Procedures**

**APWA
Accreditation**

**Update
Municipal
Code**

Purpose/Background



- Public Works is proposing updates to multiple sections of the Redmond Municipal Code (RMC)

Code Review and APWA Compliance

- Clarify authority to conduct Public Works functions
- Coordinate with APWA accreditation effort
- Clean up code for ease of use and remove outdated items
- Revise specific language to reflect current practices



Schedule for Code Revisions

**June
2025**

- RMC Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic
- RMC Title12 - Streets and Sidewalks

**Q4
2025**

- RMC Title 13 – Water and Sewers
- RMC Title15 – Buildings and Construction
- Stakeholder Engagement for 13 and 15

**Q1
2026**

- Complete SEPA for 10 and 12
- RMC Titles 1-7 & 9
- Stakeholder Engagement for 1-7 & 9

**Q2
2026**

- Complete SEPA for 1-7 & 9, 13, 15
- Adoption of Ordinance with Final Revisions

Types of Proposed Code Changes



Type of Change	Definition	Typical Impact
Administrative	Clarifies or corrects language, references, or structure without changing intent, process, or legal effect.	Improves readability and internal consistency.
Operational	Adjusts how the code is implemented or enforced to reflect current procedures or workflows.	May affect internal operations or stakeholder interactions but not legal obligations.
Substantive	Alters legal meaning, obligations, fees, or scope of the code and are significant enough that they warrant closer review by the Council and Public.	Documents compliance requirements, enforcement, or regulatory authority.

Changes throughout 13 and 15

- Changed to gender neutral terms he/she, his/her, them
- Replaced outdated term "City Treasurer" with "City Finance Director"
- Revised definition for "Public Works Director" and "City Engineer" to refer to Title 2.64.030 which will be revised to say: "Where used in this Code, the term "Public Works Director" and "City Engineer" shall include any representatives (designee or delegate) authorized to act by them in their place.
- Made references to Public Works Director consistent

Chapters and Sections Deleted



Section	Title	Reason for Deletion
13.04.420	Special agreements	No longer applicable, City does not make agreements to accept waste of "unusual character" for disposal in public sewer.
13.07.115	Groundwater protection incentive program for existing infiltration system modifications	Program is no longer relevant. The highest risk sites in the program have either completed risk reduction projects, have been redeveloped, or are likely to be redeveloped within the next 10 years. The remainder of lower risk sites will be inspected under the city's existing private drainage inspection program.
13.08.030	Installation charge	Removed meter size and cost table with fees. Will be addressed in annual utility fee update instead.
13.15	Latecomer Connection Charge - 180th Avenue N.E. Sanitary Sewer Improvements	Latecomers from 1983 is no longer applicable and City is not charging fee anymore.

Chapters and Sections Deleted



Section	Title	Reason for Deletion
13.16.030	Hydrant use charges	Removed Hydrant use charges table with fees. Will be addressed in annual utility fee update instead.
13.24	Water Conservation	Deleted outdated chapter from 1916. Fees out of date, and code requirements are addressed elsewhere in the Code
13.34	Streetlighting Charges	Charges associated with Rose Hill Water District from 1994 are no longer being collected by the City.

Wastewater Substantive Changes



Section	Title	Description of Change
13.04.110-160, 240	Multiple sections	Removed references to storm sewer (stormwater) and moved to 13.06.
13.04.041	Connection required - When - How made - Warrant to fund	Increased civil infraction fee from \$500 to \$1200 to account for inflation since 1992 ordinance.
13.04.340	Discharge into Sanitary Sewers Restricted	Added language requiring approval by King County and City Engineer for discharge of non-wastewater flows to sewer.
13.05.060	Side sewer Contractor Bonds	Increased bond amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to account for inflation since 1994 ordinance.
13.12.030	Minimum Project Size	Increased minimum project size from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for eligibility for reimbursement agreements to account for inflation since 1988 ordinance.

Stormwater and Environment Substantive Changes



Section3	Title	Description of Change
13.06	Stormwater Management	Created complete stormwater chapter by adding new sections in 13.06 to replace those that were removed from 13.04.
13.06.058.3 and 4	Conditional discharges	Added language to prohibit wash water and external building washdown water containing prohibited materials from being discharged into the stormwater system.
13.06.070.C	Disposal of waste from maintenance activities	Added language to require disposal and receipt of maintenance waste at a qualified solid waste disposal facility.
13.06.070.E	Disposal of waste from maintenance activities	Added language to clarify that uncontaminated stormwater from facilities can be returned to the stormwater system but limited the allowable turbidity of that water.

Stormwater and Environment Substantive Changes



Section3	Title	Description of Change
13.06.115	Stormwater system access – public stormwater facilities	Added language addressing the City’s ability to access public stormwater facilities on any and all premises.
13.06.1xx	Violator liable for expenses	Added new section describing that violators of this chapter are liable for any expense, loss, or damage to the facilities.
13.07.140	Appeals	Text removed for appeals related to the Groundwater Protection Incentive Program as the program is no longer relevant and being deleted with this code update.
15.24.050	Activities requiring permits	Changed length of cumulation of thresholds from one year to three years for stormwater management. Cumulation of thresholds are intended to capture multiple smaller projects done at different times but on the same site to prevent applicants splitting up large projects into smaller ones that have fewer requirements than a single large project.

Water Substantive Changes



Section	Title	Description of Change
13.08.015	Meters required	Clarified what types of structures are required to have their own water meter.
13.08.020	Meters city property	Clarified which metering components are owned and maintained by the City and by the property owner.
13.08.040	Exempt Meters	Added language regarding the use of Exempt water meters, which now includes Rainwater Harvesting and Reclaimed Water systems.
13.08.050	Unauthorized connections.	Increased civil infraction fee from \$500 to \$1200 to account for inflation since 1992 ordinance.
13.16.010.6	Hydrant Use	Updated the definition and use of Fire Hydrant permit types.



Next Steps

- Comments from Council on Titles 13 and 15
- Solicit review and feedback on RMC changes from public and select stakeholders
- Complete SEPA process
- Prepare formal ordinance to codify these changes for approval at an upcoming Council business meeting



Thank You

Any Questions?

