



Memorandum

Date: 8/4/2025
Meeting of: City Council Special Meeting

File No. AM No. 25-120
Type: Consent Item

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

Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing the 2025-26 Annual Comprehensive Plan Docket

- a. Ordinance No. 3225: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Setting the Framework and Conducting Concurrent Review of the Cumulative Effect of All Proposed Amendments to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Related Amendments to the Redmond Zoning Code, for the 2025-26 Annual Comprehensive Amendment Review Docket, Including New and Amended Policies, Concurrent Zoning Amendments, and New and Amended Functional Plans

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff is asking Council to establish, via ordinance, the 2025-26 Annual Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

At the July 1, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, Council requested a study session to further discuss the implications for docketing a potential Council-initiated Land Use Map and concurrent Zoning Map amendment for 6900 188th Ave. NE, also known as the Redmond Flex site. At the July 22, 2025, Study Session, Council reviewed the property owner's letters requesting the amendment, as well as the "Docketing Threshold Criteria" and "Planning Commission Issues Matrix" in the Planning Commission Report.

Councilmembers noted that the amendment met the threshold criteria as set forth in RZC 21.76.070.J.6, Council has the authority to add amendments to the docket per RZC 21.76.070.J.3.c, there has been public discussion of adding the amendment, and the proposal relates to the City's goal of increasing housing. A majority of Councilmembers concluded that, in this case, in light of those facts, strict adherence to process should not preclude timely review of this proposal.

Council also affirmed the inclusion of the Transportation Element and Transportation Master Plan update in the 2025-26 docket as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Report and Recommendation is attached.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ Receive Information ☐ Provide Direction ☒ Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan, Policy PI-13
- **Required:**
 - The Growth Management Act, and specifically RCW 36.70A.130.2, requires and sets the legal framework for the continuing review and evaluation of comprehensive plans.
 - RZC 21.76.070.J establishes Redmond's procedures to create an annual docket of proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and review proposed amendments.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
RZC states that Council must approve the Annual Comp Plan docket by August 31 of each year.

OUTCOMES:

Council adoption of an ordinance establishing the 2025-2026 Annual Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments will allow for review and consideration of docketed amendments by August 2026 in accordance with the procedural requirements set forth under state law and the Redmond Zoning Code.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 28, 2025.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
The 2025-26 Docket was included on the City website, a 21-day notice for the public hearing was published, and was advertised in City publications.
- **Feedback Summary:**
There was support for including the Transportation Master Plan update on the annual docket for 2025-26. Additionally, a property owner requested that Council include a Land Use Map and Zoning Map amendment for their property at 6900 188th Ave NE.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$5,350,743 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development offer, which includes the staff time devoted to this work.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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Budget Offer Number:
0000304 - Community and Economic Development

Budget Priority:
Vibrant and Connected

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

If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/1/2025	Committee of the Whole	Provide Direction
7/22/2025	Study Session	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:
RZC 21.76 requires that Council approve the Annual Review Docket by Aug. 31.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:
Delay in review and approval of items awaiting consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A: Planning Commission Report
Attachment B: Appendices
Attachment C: Ordinance Establishing the 2025-26 Annual Docket