

CODE

CITY OF REDMOND
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE REDMOND
MUNICIPAL CODE, KNOWN AS THE REDMOND ZONING
CODE, ADDRESSING TEMPORARY NON-COMMERCIAL
SIGNS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that comprehensive plans and development regulations be subject to continuing evaluation and review; and

WHEREAS, the GMA requires that development regulations be consistent with comprehensive plan policies; and

WHEREAS, development regulations must be consistent with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the City regulates signs in Redmond Zoning Code (RZC) chapter 21.44; and

WHEREAS, development regulations in RZC 21.44 have not been updated to account for changes in federal case law and therefore the City does not have enforceable regulations for temporary non-commercial signs; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a regulatory framework for temporary non-commercial signs that complies with U.S. Supreme Court precedent; and

WHEREAS, state agencies were sent 60-day notices of proposed RZC amendments on April 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond issued a determination of non-significance under the State Environmental Policy Act for this proposal on April 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, from April 8, 2026 to May 13, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted study sessions and held public hearings for amendments to regulations for temporary non-commercial signs and subsequently transmitted recommendations to the City Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, from June 2, 2026, to June 23, 2026, the City Council held meetings to study the Planning Commission's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, having considered the Planning Commission's recommendations and community input, the City Council desires to amend the Redmond Zoning Code.

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

Section 1. Classification. This is a code ordinance.

Section 2. Findings and Conclusions. The City Council hereby adopts the findings and conclusions contained in the associated Planning Commission Report, including all related attachments and exhibits to those reports, City file nos. LAND-

2026-00082 and SEPA 2026-00083, except that the Council finds that temporary non-commercial signs should not be allowed in roundabouts.

Section 3. RZC 21.44, Signs. RZC 21.44, Signs, is amended as shown in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 4. RZC 21.78 Definitions. RZC 21.78 Definitions, is amended as shown in Exhibit 2, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance 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.

Section 6. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2027.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 21st day of July,
2026.

CITY OF REDMOND

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REBECCA MUELLER, CITY ATTORNEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:
PUBLISHED:
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