

Council Member	Specific Request	Resolution
CM Forsythe	Requested that the title of Strategy 2 be changed to better reflect actions identified under Strategy 2. Strategy 2: Make housing easier to build.	Staff edit: Revised Strategy 2: Reduce the cost to develop housing through process improvements and increased regulatory predictability.
CM Forsythe	Request including sustainable building design standards in the Action 2.3. Action 2.3. Consider updating design standards to provide clarity and flexibility to streamline development review and achieve superior design.	Staff edit: Action 2.3... Changes to Consider: Design standards are sometimes prescriptive and complicated. Often, and in the case for Redmond, there is an effort to make design standards flexible and responsive. However, implementation problems, code ambiguities, and code conflicts cannot fully be identified and understood until full implementation is underway. Redmond needs to take lessons learned through implementation, and feedback from builders and developers, and use that information to continuously review and improve design standards to ensure that optimal outcomes and superior design is begin achieved. There should be a review on all new design standards within three years of implementation to identify needed revisions. Similarly, existing design standards should be reviewed and improved to eliminate hard to understand (and implement) components, and obstacles to design flexibility. Striking a balance between flexibility and predictability is difficult and is a necessary ongoing process. Where possible, sustainable building design options should be considered.
CM Forsythe	Could we include vacancy tax.	Director Helland indicated that, under Washington State Law that this tax authority has not been granted to jurisdictions and the Washington Supreme Court has consistently held that municipalities lack the power to tax without express statutory authority.
CM Carson	Interested also in vacancy task and expressed concern over housing not being maintained.	See above. Director Helland indicated that we could address maintenance and upkeep through other mechanisms but should take care not to inadvertently target rentals.
CM Carson	Requested a change in Action 2 title	See edit above
CM Anderson	Requested that transportation cost be identified as a contributing factor to housing cost burden – page 10.	Staff edit: Housing cost burden: A household paying more than 30 percent of their income on housing is considered “cost burdened.” The data shows that lower income households and renters are paying a much greater share of their income on housing. In fact, about 1 in 4 households are cost burdened. Those most cost-burdened are the elderly, young adults under age 24, and low-income renters. Income level is strongly tied to cost burden – in fact, those earning 30 percent of the AMI or lower (very low income) are more likely to be severely cost burdened and low-income households are mostly either severely cost-burdened or cost-burdened. ¹ This may mean trade-offs must be made between housing and other essentials, such as food, healthcare, and transportation costs.