



Legislation Text

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TO: Members of the City Council

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TITLE:

Redmond 2050: Planning Commission Recommendations for Phase 2B Comprehensive Plan Elements and Critical Areas Regulations

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff recommends that the City Council provide direction for topics or issues to discuss at its July 9 and July 23 study sessions concerning the Planning Commission's recommendations for:

- Utilities; Capital Facilities; and Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation Elements; and
- Natural Environment Element and Critical Areas Regulations.

On April 24, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the above-listed components of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Redmond Zoning Code. Staff will introduce the Commission's recommendations at the Council's July 2 business meeting.

Staff recommends that Council first review the Planning Commission Reports (Attachments B and D), which summarize the amendments and include the full text of the amendments. Detailed Planning Commission Report appendices are included as Attachments C and E.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Policy PI-15 calls for periodic Comprehensive Plan reviews.
- **Required:**
The Growth Management Act requires that Washington cities and counties review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations every ten years. For King County cities the periodic review must be completed by December 31, 2024.
- **Council Request:**
The City Council requested quarterly reports on project milestones, staff progress, and public involvement.
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

Updating the Redmond Comprehensive Plan will ensure that the Plan is consistent with state law and regional policy direction; advances equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency; and that Redmond is prepared for growth expected through the year 2050.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Capital Facilities, Utilities, and Participation, Implementation and Evaluation Elements:
 - Q3 2022: input on Policy Considerations
 - Q2 2023: input on Draft 1
 - Q3-Q4 2023: input on Draft 2
 - Q1 2024: Planning Commission review of final drafts and public hearingNatural Environment Element and Critical Areas Regulations
 - Q2 2023: office hours
 - Q3 2023: state agency engagement
 - Q2 2023-Q2 2024: community outreach
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Redmond 2050 outreach methods have included:
 - Redmond 2050 Website
 - Digital City Hall Lobby
 - Let's Connect questionnaires, idea boards, and other tools
 - Press releases and Social media
 - Short videos and posting of recordings of workshops
 - Yard signs and Posters
 - Utility Bill inserts
 - Email newsletters to multiple City lists and partner organizations
 - Hiring of Eastside for All for intensive, focused community engagement
 - Stakeholder input and Focus group meetings
 - Hybrid and remote workshops and interviews
 - Tabling at community events

- Pop-up events in community spaces and workplaces
- Translation of selected materials
- Community Advisory Committee input
- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Planning Commission public hearings
- Human Services Commission meetings
- Other boards & Commissions meetings
- Mailed property owner notifications

Quarterly engagement summaries are available at [redmond.gov/1495](http://www.redmond.gov/1495) <<http://www.redmond.gov/1495>>.

- **Feedback Summary:**

Capital Facilities: Generally supportive of updates. Discussions included how capital facilities planning can incorporate Redmond 2050 themes of Equity and Inclusion, Resiliency, and Sustainability.

Utilities: Comments on resiliency of systems, such as water and power systems. Support for need to move away from natural gas as an energy source, and openness for alternatives. Discussions on ensuring equity in service provision, especially telecommunications.

Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation. Generally supportive of policy direction. There was some discussion on the implementation and evaluation program and on promoting active participation in boards and commissions by removing participation barriers.

Natural Environment: Discussions and comments included protection of the Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA), environmental stewardship, and incorporation of indigenous knowledge into planning processes.

Critical Areas Regulations: Generally supportive of updates. Discussions about the following: protection of the CARA, increasing critical area buffers, best available science, species of local importance, map updates, stream typing and climate resiliency.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$4,616,401 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development budget offer. This budget offer includes staff and consultant resources necessary to complete Redmond 2050.

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

Budget Offer Number: 0000040

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, Washington State Department of Commerce grants

Budget/Funding Constraints:

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/6/2020	Business Meeting	Approve
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/15/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/22/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/21/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/28/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/15/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/3/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/10/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/7/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
7/19/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
7/26/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
8/9/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/4/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/11/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/17/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/24/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/7/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/14/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/5/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/12/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/26/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/3/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/10/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/28/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction

1/9/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/23/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/6/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
2/13/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/27/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/5/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/12/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/26/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
4/2/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
4/9/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
5/7/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/4/2024	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/11/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/9/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction
7/23/2024	Study Session	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

The Comprehensive Plan periodic update must be complete by Dec. 31, 2024.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Redmond 2050 Overview

Attachment B: Planning Commission Report: Utilities; Capital Facilities; and Participation, Implementation and Evaluation

Attachment C: Planning Commission Report Appendices: Utilities; Capital Facilities; and Participation, Implementation and Evaluation

Attachment D: Planning Commission Report: Natural Environment Element and Critical Areas Regulations

Attachment E: Planning Commission Report Appendices: Natural Environment Element and Critical Areas Regulations

Attachment F: Presentation Slides