



Legislation Text

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MEMO TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor John Marchione

SUBJECT:

Adoption of a Resolution to Authorize Mayor to Acquire, Dispose of, and/or Accept Real Property Rights on Behalf of the City of Redmond

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 1502: A Resolution Delegating Authority to the Mayor or His Designees to Approve Acquisition, Acceptance, Use, and Disposition of Real Property Rights and Interests within Certain Parameters

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt the proposed resolution delegating authority to the Mayor or his designee(s) to acquire, dispose of and/or accept certain real property rights on behalf of the City of Redmond per the parameters outlined in Exhibit A to the resolution.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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III. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

RCW 35A.11.010 vests all power to the City's legislative body to purchase, lease, receive, or otherwise acquire real property, and to use, enjoy, hold lease, control, convey or otherwise dispose of the same. Acquiring and managing real property or real property rights follows the same procedures as all other business items requiring Redmond's legislative body's approval.

Over the last few years, the City's staff, on average, addressed well over one hundred property transactions a year. The City anticipates the number of transactions will grow under the development agreements with Sound Transit and Microsoft. The majority of the transactions are approved through capital projects and land use approvals. However, each year there are property transactions which occur that do not fall within the process for the majority of capital projects or municipal code related approvals, for example an easement across City property to support power to another property or disposition of a remnant property considered surplus to the public need.

To improve process efficiency and expedite the transactions that are administrative in nature, staff requests Council's approval to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to address these types of property transactions that are not approved through capital or land use processes and are within the parameters outlined in Exhibit A of the proposed Resolution. The parameters align with authority granted for other non-real property contractual transactions. Procedures and processes supporting the acquisition, management and disposition of any real property, or real property rights will continue to occur.

Should the Council approve the Resolution, staff has committed to updating the Council quarterly on administrative transactions that occur under the new guidelines.

IV. PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS HELD

Date:	
May 22, 2018	Committee of the Whole-Finance, Administration, and Communications
June 12, 2018	Council Study Session
August 28, 2018	Committee of the Whole-Finance, Administration, and Communications

V. IMPACT

A. Service/Delivery:

Adopting the Resolution will result in increased efficiency and predictability of process scheduling especially for large developments, such as those being accomplished by Sound Transit.

B. Fiscal Note:

N/A

VI. ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Should the City Council choose to not adopt the proposed resolution, Staff would continue to process each real property acquisition, disposition or management transactions through the Council process.

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Council's adoption of the proposed resolution would expedite specific project timelines, such as those for the Sound Transit light rail projects.

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution, with Exhibit A