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ORDINANCE NO. 1879

**ORIGINAL** 

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.04.290 TO THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE RECONSIDERATION OF MATTERS WHICH ARE NOT QUASI-JUDICIAL IN NATURE.

WHEREAS, Section 2.04.280 of the Redmond Municipal Code establishes procedures for the reconsideration of quasi-judicial actions, and

WHEREAS, based upon recent experience, the City Council has determined that similar procedures should be established for actions which are not quasi-judicial, in order to insure adequate notice to the public regarding reconsideration of such matters, and

WHEREAS, the Council has therefore determined to adopt the procedures set forth in this ordinance, which procedures are consistent with those for reconsideration of quasi-judicial actions except with respect to matters which clearly apply to quasi-judicial actions only, such as ex parte contacts and the finality of matters subject to appeal, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Reconsideration of Actions Which Are Not Quasi-Judicial. A new Section 2.04.290 is hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code to read as follows:

2.04.290 Reconsideration of Actions which are Not Quasi-Judicial.

- (1) Any person, including any member of the Council, may request that the Council reconsider a decision on a matter which is not quasi-judicial in nature. Any request or motion for reconsideration of a City Council action which is not quasi-judicial must be made in writing to the City Clerk or orally to the City Council in an open public meeting. The procedure for reconsideration shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order and shall require that a motion to reconsider be made by a Council member who voted in the majority on the original action for which reconsideration is sought. The motion may be seconded by any other Council member, whether or not that member voted in the majority. A motion to reconsider an action shall be out of order and shall not be acted upon unless made prior to taking up the new business portion of the City Council agenda at the next regular City Council meeting following the meeting at which the action for which reconsideration is sought "Action" shall mean the vote of the City Council expressing a decision even though followed at a later date by passage of an ordinance or resolution.
- (2) In the event that the City Council votes to reconsider an action which is not quasi-judicial in nature, the effect of the vote is to place the matter back before the Council as if no action had been taken. When a motion to reconsider is passed at a meeting other than the meeting at which the original action was taken, the Council shall not take new action on the reconsidered matter at that meeting, but shall set the matter over to the next regular City Council meeting following the meeting at which reconsideration was voted upon. The agenda for the Council meeting at which any reconsidered action will be taken up for final action shall reflect that the matter has been brought before the Council upon reconsideration of an earlier action. Public notice provided concerning the agenda shall reflect the nature of the action. No public hearing shall be required on reconsideration of any nonquasi judicial action, but the Council may allow public input on the reconsidered matter if it so desires. Any matter which the Council has voted to reconsider shall be placed under "unfinished business" Once the Council takes final action on the on the agenda. reconsidered matter, no further reconsideration may take place.
- (3) The City Council may, by majority vote of the entire membership, suspend the requirement for deferring action on any reconsidered matter to the next regular meeting when the Council

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determines that sooner action is required to avoid undue hardship to the City or any interested person.

- (4) As used in this section, "regular meeting" shall mean any regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council at which final action may be taken. Council study sessions and special meetings of the Council shall not be considered regular meetings of the City Council for purposes of this section.
- (5) Procedural matters not governed by this section shall be governed by the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an administrative action, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

CITY OF REDMOND

MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY CLERK, BONNIE MATTSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:

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