

ORDINANCE NO. 1934

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, REOPENING THE REDMOND
WATERSHED PRESERVE TO USE BY HIKERS,
BICYCLISTS, EQUESTRIANS AND OTHER
RECREATIONAL USERS.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1821 of the City of Redmond, passed by the City Council on January 17, 1995, closed the Redmond Watershed Preserve to all hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and other users pending adoption and implementation of a Master Plan for trail development and further action by the City Council, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1821 was passed as an emergency measure in order to prevent continuing environmental degradation in the Redmond Watershed Preserve from heavy use of unimproved, dirt surfaced trails, and

WHEREAS, the contemplated Master Plan was adopted in March, 1995 and the City has rebuilt and improved numerous trails and support facilities within the Redmond Watershed Preserve pursuant to that Plan in such a manner as to ensure that trail usage can resume without environmental degradation, and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing facts, the City Council desires to reopen the Redmond Watershed Preserve to use by hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and other recreational users, NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Reopening of Redmond Watershed Preserve. The City Council hereby adopts the recitals set forth in the preceding paragraphs as findings in support of the actions taken in this ordinance. Based upon those findings, the City Council concludes that the conditions set forth in Ordinance No. 1821 for the reopening of the Redmond Watershed Preserve to public recreational use have been met. The City Council, therefore, declares that the property commonly known as the Redmond Watershed Preserve and consisting of

approximately 800 acres of land east of the contiguous city limits in the vicinity of NE Novelty Hill Road and NE 133rd Street is hereby reopened for public use by hikers and other pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians and other recreational users of the type and in the manner authorized by the Redmond Watershed Preserve Master Plan, applicable City ordinances, and applicable rules and regulations of the Redmond Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 2. Duties of Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to remove fencing and signs erected pursuant to Ordinance No. 1821 in order to bar access to the Redmond Watershed Preserve. The Parks and Recreation Department is also authorized to advise the public of the reopening of the Redmond Watershed Preserve for public use in an appropriate manner.

Section 3. Rules and Regulations. Use of the Redmond Watershed Preserve shall be governed by the rules and regulations provided in Chapter 9.32 of the Redmond Municipal Code and by such other rules and regulations adopted by the Parks and Recreation Director pursuant to said chapter.

Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, 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


Richard Grubb
MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Bonnie Mattson

CITY CLERK, BONNIE MATTSON

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:**

By: _____

**FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR: PRO TEM
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