

ORDINANCE NO. 1946

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING REVISED DEFINITIONS OF "PEAK HOUR" AND "PEAK HOUR TRIPS" CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 20C.100.020(Z) AND (AA) OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE, AND ADOPTING A REVISION IN THE FORM OF A CLARIFICATION TO SUBSECTION 20C.100.040(30) (b)(3) OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE RELATING TO THE FORMULA FOR COMPUTING NEW VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES WHEN A FEE PAYER CHOOSES TO HAVE THE FEES COMPUTED UNDER THAT SECTION.

WHEREAS, Subsections 20C.100.020(z) and 20C.100.020(aa) of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide include definitions of "peak hour" and "peak hour trips" which differ from preferred traffic engineering practice, and

WHEREAS, unless these definitions are changed, the peak hour traffic impact of some developments may be evaluated at an unrealistically low level, and

WHEREAS, Subsection 20C.100.040(30)(b) of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide provides an alternate method of computing transportation impact fees owed for a development project when a fee payer chooses to have the fees calculated under that section, and

WHEREAS, at the time Subsection 20C.100.040(30)(b) was adopted, an error was made in stating the formula to be used for determining new vehicle miles traveled, which error has the effect of requiring the actual new vehicle miles traveled to be divided by two and then multiplied by the cost per vehicle mile in order to determine the appropriate impact fee, and

WHEREAS, unless this error is corrected and the formula clarified, those fee payers opting to use the formula will pay only half of the impact fee that was otherwise applicable and which has been assumed in the funding of the Transportation Facility Plan, leaving the Transportation Facility Plan seriously underfunded, and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to revise the definitions, correct the error, and to clarify the formula in order to ensure equity, the appropriate evaluation of traffic impacts, and the appropriate payment of fees, and to further ensure that the Transportation Facility Plan remains adequately funded, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Revision of Definitions. Definition 20C.100.020(z) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(z) PEAK HOUR: The consecutive sixty (60) minute period during a twenty-four (24) hour period which experiences the highest sum of traffic volumes as determined by the City on a roadway segment, passing through a roadway intersection, or entering or leaving a development. The peak hour typically takes place between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p. m. on a work day.

Definition 20C.100.020(aa) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(aa) PEAK HOUR TRIPS: Total vehicular trips entering and leaving a development project during the consecutive sixty (60) minute period between 4:00 p. m. and 6:00 p. m. which experiences the highest sum of traffic volumes entering or leaving the development. This typically corresponds to the definition of "peak hour of the generator" in the most recent edition of Trip Generation, published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Other trip generation sources may be used, at the discretion of the City, where ITE data are based on a limited survey base or where there may be special trip-generating characteristics of the proposal.


Section 2 Adoption of Official Control. The formula for computation of new vehicle miles traveled which is set forth near the end of Subsection 20C.100.040(30)(b)(3) of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide is hereby amended to read as follows:

NEW VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED = Trip Generation Rate X
% New Trips X Average Trip Length.

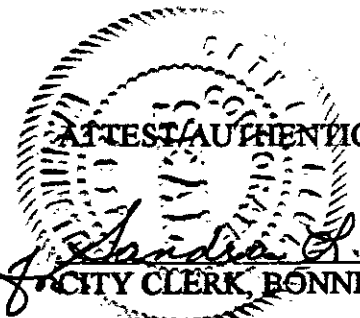

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance or any regulation adopted or amended hereby should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any regulation adopted or amended hereby.

Section 4. 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 days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

CITY OF REDMOND


MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



CITY CLERK, BONNIE MATTSO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

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