

NON-CODE

**CITY OF REDMOND
ORDINANCE NO. 2825**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE REDMOND
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ECONOMIC VITALITY
ELEMENT TO ADD POLICY DIRECTION TO TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT REDMOND'S ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS
WHEN NEW OR ADJUSTED TAXES OR FEES ARE
PROPOSED, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act requires that comprehensive plans and development regulations shall be subject to continuing evaluation and review; and

WHEREAS, OneRedmond applied for an amendment to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan to add a new policy regarding the City's economic competitiveness with regard to fees; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act provides that comprehensive plan amendments shall be considered as a comprehensive whole and shall not be amended more than once a year, with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, through Ordinance No. 2805 effective October 17, 2015, the City Council set the content of Redmond's 2015-16 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Package, which includes the amendment proposed by OneRedmond; and

WHEREAS, a State Environmental Policy Act Checklist was prepared and a Determination of Non-Significance was issued on September 9, 2015, for the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, state agencies received 60-day notice of Redmond's proposed amendment on September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held study sessions on the proposed amendment on October 14 and October 21, 2015, and conducted a public hearing on October 21, 2015, to receive public comment on the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public meeting on February 2, 2016, and a study session on February 9, 2016, to review the recommended amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Comprehensive Plan for economic competitiveness regarding taxes and fees to reinforce existing policies which support economic vitality and to provide policy direction to consider factors not presently identified by existing Comprehensive Plan policies.

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

Section 1. Findings, Conclusion, and Analysis. In support of the recommended amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Economic Vitality Element, the City Council hereby adopts the findings, conclusions, and analysis contained in the Technical Committee Report dated September 30, 2015, including all related attachments and exhibits to that report, and the Planning Commission Report (City file no. LAND-2015-01711) dated

November 18, 2015, including the related attachments and exhibits to that report.

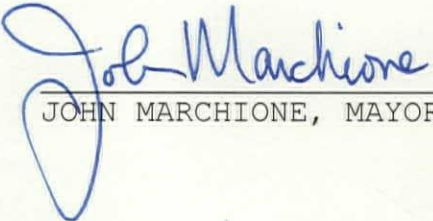
Section 2. Comprehensive Plan Amended. The Comprehensive Plan of the City of Redmond is amended to revise the Economic Vitality Element to add a new policy EV-23, revise existing policy EV-22, and add new introductory text as shown in Exhibit 1, incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full to this ordinance.

Section 3. 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 of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

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.


ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 15th day of March,
2016.

CITY OF REDMOND



JOHN MARCHIONE, MAYOR

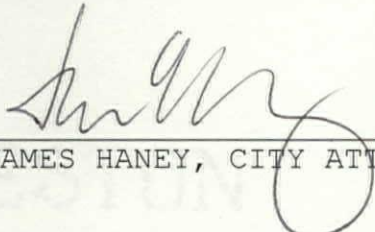
ATTEST:



MICHELLE M. HART, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JAMES HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	March 1, 2016
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	March 15, 2016
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:	March 18, 2016
PUBLISHED:	March 21, 2016
EFFECTIVE DATE:	March 26, 2016
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YES: BIRNEY, CARSON, MARGESON, MYERS, SHUTZ, STILIN

EV-21 Initiate or participate in the following activities in support of economic vitality:

- Monitor future trends and economic conditions;
- Prepare information for businesses on available public sector financing;
- Support federal and state funding of cost-effective business financing programs;
- Support greater accessibility for use of advanced and affordable communications technology; and
- Consider and use, where appropriate, community redevelopment financing and other innovative economic vitality and financing programs that enhance the business climate in Redmond.

Economic growth is important to the livability and vibrancy of Redmond. Redmond should be mindful of the effects of policies, programs, regulations, and fees on the business community and Redmond's comparative advantages in attracting new expansions and development.

At the same time, the City should ensure that its economic needs are balanced with its social and environmental needs to maintain community character and livability.

Maintaining Redmond's livability today and in the future depends in part on having adequate infrastructure in place at the time it is needed to serve growth. The City's policies for capital facilities, including CF-14, generally state that growth should pay for growth.

There are various business-related fees that help to support growth in Redmond. In particular, impact fees provide a portion of the funding for growth-related infrastructure. When developing functional plans and setting impact fee or other business related fee rates, included among the factors for consideration should be economic vitality, competitiveness of the business community inclusive of taxes and fees, and provision of adequate housing as these and other factors that affect the livability, character and economy of Redmond. This consideration should be given through review of updates to functional plans and fee rates by the Business Fee and Tax Advisory Committee or successor group.

EV-22 ~~As part of the City's decision making, consider~~ Consider the economic impacts of new policies, regulations or programs as part of the City's decision making process.

EV-23 Consider the effect and competitiveness of the City's tax and fee structure on development and the health and growth of the business community when new taxes, fees, tax or fee adjustments, or other decisions, such as the adoption of new or updated functional plans, are proposed.