

ORDINANCE NO. 2177

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE REDMOND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE TO ADOPT AN UPDATED VISION, GOALS AND FRAMEWORK POLICIES CHAPTER, TO REMOVE EXISTING FRAMEWORK POLICIES AND TEXT FROM SEVERAL CHAPTERS (DGA 02-013) AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Growth Management Act, the City of Redmond must update its Comprehensive Plan by December 2004; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 1066, the City Council selected Modified Draft Alternative 3 as the preliminary preferred growth strategy and basis for further work to update Redmond's Comprehensive Plan and the Redmond Community Development Guide, and directed staff and the Planning Commission to carry out a work plan to further evaluate and implement the preliminary preferred growth strategy as soon as practicable; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the City has held two major community meetings to seek citizen participation in the Comprehensive Plan update and has held meetings in the Downtown, SE Redmond, North Redmond, Education Hill, Grass Lawn, and Viewpoint neighborhoods to seek ideas from citizens at a neighborhood specific level concerning a variety of Comprehensive Plan issues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Vision, Goals and Framework Policies Chapter reflects the preliminary preferred growth strategy selected by City Council, public input through several public meetings, and issues and opportunities facing Redmond; and

WHEREAS, state agencies received 60-day notice of Redmond's proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and provided no comment; and

WHEREAS, a State Environmental Policy Act Checklist was prepared and a Determination of Non-Significance was issued July 23, 2003, for the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has conducted public meetings to review the Comprehensive Plan amendments and allow for public comment therefore; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Vision, Goals and Framework Policies Chapter provides the basis and direction for further updates to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and the Redmond Community Development Guide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond desires to adopt an updated Vision, Goals and Framework Policies Chapter that communicates the 20-year community vision and key policies to implement the vision, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Findings and Conclusions. After carefully reviewing the record and considering the evidence and arguments in the record and at public meetings, the City Council hereby adopts the findings, analysis and conclusions in the Planning Commission Report dated August 19, 2003.

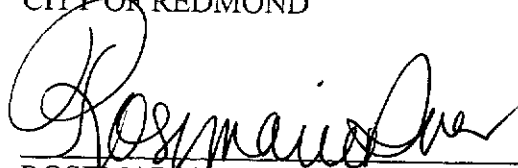
Section 2. Amendment of Redmond Comprehensive Plan. The Redmond Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended to add the text, policies and other provisions as set forth in Exhibit 1, incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 3. Repeal. The Redmond Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended to repeal the text, policies and other provisions as set forth in Exhibit 2, incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 4. Severability. If any policy, section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or any policy 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 of any other policy, section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance or any policy adopted or amended hereby.

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

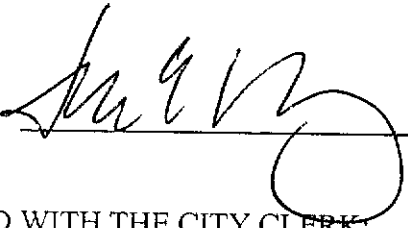
CITY OF REDMOND


ROSEMARIE IVES, MAYOR

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

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Exhibit 1: Adopted Vision, Goals and Framework Policies

Goals, Vision and Framework Policy Chapter

Redmond's Comprehensive Plan is a reflection of the long-term values and preferences held by people in the community for how Redmond should look and feel over the next 20 years. This chapter expresses those values and preferences through:

- Goals that summarize the intent of the Comprehensive Plan,
- A vision, that describes what our community would be like in 2022 if the goals were achieved, and
- Framework policies that the City will follow to achieve the goals and vision.

The goals and framework policies express the core concepts on which the Comprehensive Plan is based and together set the direction for how various chapters of the Plan address the trends, opportunities and mandates facing the City.

The goals and framework policies are not listed in priority order, and need to be viewed as a whole that is balanced over time. One goal or value shall not be pursued to the exclusion of the others.

Goals for Redmond

- To **conserve** agricultural lands and rural areas, and to protect and enhance the quality of the natural environment.
- To retain and enhance Redmond's distinctive **character** and high quality of life, including an abundance of parks, open space, good schools and recreational facilities.
- To emphasize **choices** in housing, transportation, stores and services.
- To support vibrant **concentrations** of retail, office, service, residential, and recreational activity in Downtown and Overlake.
- To maintain a strong and diverse economy, and to provide a business **climate** that retains and attracts locally-owned companies as well as internationally recognized corporations.
- To promote a variety of **community gathering places** and diverse **cultural opportunities**.
- To provide convenient, safe and environmentally friendly transportation **connections** within Redmond, and between Redmond and other communities for people and goods.
- To remain a **community** of good neighbors, working together and with others in the region to implement a common vision for Redmond's future.

Our Future Vision for Redmond in 2022

What would Redmond be like as a place to live, work or visit if the community's values and preferences were achieved? The vision statement describes Redmond in the year 2022 if the Comprehensive Plan were implemented.

Vision Statement

In 2022, Redmond citizens describe their community as one that is complete, offering a wide range of services, opportunities and amenities. It's a community that has gracefully accommodated growth and change while ensuring that Redmond's high quality of life, cherished natural features, and distinct places and character are not overwhelmed. It's a place where people are friendly, diversity and innovation are embraced, and action is taken to achieve community objectives. It's a place that is home to people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, which contribute to the richness of the city's culture.

These goals were hard to achieve, but over the past 20 years through the clear, shared direction contained in the Comprehensive Plan, the vision has taken shape and throughout Redmond, the results are apparent.

Downtown is an outstanding place to work, shop, live and recreate and is a destination for many in Redmond and in the region. Attractive offices, stores, services and residential developments have contributed to a new level of vibrancy while retaining a small town feel that appeals to residents and visitors alike. Many more people live Downtown, and housing choices include a significant share of moderately priced residences. Strategic public and private investments have created a true multidimensional urban center with several new and expanded public amenities, including a city hall campus and central park that is a gathering place for the community, an arts and cultural center, a technology museum, a pedestrian connection to Marymoor Park, a Saturday market that is open all year, and a variety of quality arts and cultural programs and performances.

Various portions of Downtown have their own identity, design and appeal yet it is easy to walk, bicycle, use transit or drive between them as well as to the rest of Redmond. Many visitors park in one of the conveniently located garages and walk or take transit to get to where they want to go. While pedestrian and bicycle access are emphasized, Downtown also provides for vehicular access and those who wish to drive through have other preferred routes to use. The congestion of 20 years ago has been tempered primarily by providing reasonable and practical transportation alternatives together with improved operations and then increased capacity in strategic locations, such as SR 520 and important connections in the street grid.

Old Town thrives as focus for retail activity that attracts pedestrians, providing a distinctive selection of stores, restaurants, galleries, and entertainment, as well as housing opportunities. New buildings blend with refurbished buildings, retaining the area's historic character. Cleveland Street is a pleasant place to walk or sit and people fill the street during the day and evening, particularly during the weekend. The former railroad right of way has been transformed to an urban green space that people of all ages enjoy, with places to stroll, gather and talk with others, celebrate, or stop and peek in store windows while walking to Old Town or Redmond Town Center.

Large open spaces, such as the Sammamish River, Anderson Park and Bear Creek, as well as abundant landscaping and a system of parks and other gathering places, create a sense of Downtown as an urban area within a rich, natural environment. A network of walkways, trails, vista points and plazas enable people to enjoy the natural beauty of the river, views of surrounding hillsides and mountains and other points of interest. Recent developments along the Sammamish River are oriented to and embrace the river, while maintaining adequate natural buffers.

Overlake has become recognized as a regional urban center that is the location of internationally known companies, corporate headquarters, high technology research and development companies, and many other businesses. While intensively and efficiently developed, the employment areas retain their campus-like feel due to attractive landscaping and the protection of significant trees and other important natural features. During the past 20 years, redevelopment of the commercial area in the southernmost part of Overlake has brought retail storefronts closer to the street and improvements to streetscapes to reflect the green character of Redmond, making the area more hospitable to transit, pedestrians and bicyclists. This portion of Overlake has also become much more diverse, featuring small neighborhoods with a mix of housing, small-scale shopping and services to serve employees and residents, and connections to a network of parks, sidewalks and trails. In many ways Overlake has demonstrated that high technology uses can thrive in a balanced urban setting that offers opportunities to live, work, shop and recreate to an increasingly diverse workforce.

Residential neighborhoods are treasured for their attractiveness, friendliness, diversity, safety and quietness. Redmond includes a broad choice of housing types at a range of prices, including affordable homes. During the past 20 years, there has been a lot more variety in the types and prices of new homes constructed in neighborhoods, including more cottages, accessory units, attached homes and other smaller single-family homes. New homes blend with existing homes and the natural environment, retaining the unique character of existing neighborhoods. Through careful planning and community involvement, changes and innovation in housing styles and development have been successfully embraced by the whole community.

Redmond has maintained a **strong economy and a diverse job base.** The City is the home to many small, medium-size and locally owned businesses and services, as well as nationally and internationally recognized corporations. Redmond is widely recognized as a community that is inviting for advanced technology, and businesses are proud to be partners in the community. The City provides a business climate that attracts sustainable development to the community and retains existing businesses. Likewise, the successful companies return benefits directly and indirectly to the community. A prime example of this is the support that both the residents and the business community have given to the school system to create an excellent educational system that serves the needs of citizens of all ages.

Neighborhood and community parks contribute to a high quality of life in Redmond by providing a full range of opportunities ranging from active recreation, such as sports and games, to more restful and reflective activities, such as walking and viewing wildlife. Residents enjoy larger natural areas, such as Watershed and Farrel-McWhirter Park, as well as smaller open spaces and gathering places located throughout the City close to residences and work places. Indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and programs meet the needs of residents of all ages. The bicycle capital of the Northwest has developed an excellent system of bike paths and trails that are used for recreation, commuting and riding to schools, parks and other destinations.

Redmond has embraced **energy efficient and environmentally sound transportation** systems. The City has invested strategically and leveraged regional funds to improve transportation choices and mobility, and every year more people walk, bicycle, carpool, or use transit or alternative fuel vehicles to travel. Transit service links all of Redmond's neighborhoods to the hubs of Downtown and Overlake, creating an attractive and practical transportation alternative. Overlake and Downtown are extensively served by high capacity transit that provides easy access to many destinations in the region. Transit stations along the route include shops, restaurants, offices and residences.

People spend less time traveling and more time where they want to be. All Redmond homes, schools and businesses have high-speed access to the internet. More neighborhoods and workplaces are served by nearby stores and services that are small in scale and well-designed. Significant investments in SR 520, I-405, and regional and local and transit routes have improved mobility for people and goods. In Redmond, roadway projects have been built where needed to improve safety and operating efficiency, and the City has maintained a good system of access and circulation for delivery and freight. Most streetscapes are attractive and functional for various travel modes, with street trees and landscaped areas that separate pedestrians from traffic.

Infrastructure and services have been provided to meet the needs of a growing population as well as to correct existing deficiencies. Redmond has excellent police and fire protection and well-maintained and dependable public facilities. Redmond citizens embrace and support the high quality educational, cultural and recreational facilities in the community. The City works as a partner with schools, businesses, service providers and other organizations and jurisdictions to help strengthen a human services network that provides low-income families and persons with special needs the food, shelter, job training, child care and other services they need to become more independent. All the areas of urban unincorporated King County have been annexed so that they may receive a full range of urban services.

Redmond in 2022 has maintained a very green character; the City is framed within a beautiful natural setting and open spaces and an abundance of trees continue to define Redmond's physical appearance. A system of interconnected open spaces provides habitat for a variety of wildlife. The City prides itself for its environmental stewardship, including an emphasis on sustainable land use and development patterns, landscaping that requires little watering, and other techniques to protect and conserve the natural environment while flourishing as a successful urban community. Lake Sammamish and the Sammamish River, noted for their water quality, are used for boating, swimming and other types of recreation. Through many cooperative efforts, the improved water quality is demonstrated annually in the increasing salmon runs. Public access to shorelines has been enhanced while protecting the natural environment and property owners' rights. The open space and agricultural character of the north Sammamish Valley has been maintained and is highly valued by the community. Through the joint efforts of cities and the county, the Bear Creek and Evans Creek valleys remain rural, as do the areas north and east of the City.

Redmond is an effective, responsive local government that responds to and anticipates the changing needs of the community. **Many citizens actively participate** in Redmond's planning process and system improvements, and their preferences are incorporated so that Redmond continues to be the community desired by its citizens.

In 2022, as in 2003, Redmond is a community of good neighbors.

Framework Policies

To be effective, the goals and vision must be translated into policies, plan designations and actions. The framework policies are the overarching policies that help to communicate how the community wants Redmond to look and feel over the next 20 years and that set the direction for the rest of the Comprehensive Plan. In contrast, policies in the various chapters such as Land Use or Housing are more detailed and describe methods of accomplishing the vision. The framework policies are not listed in priority order, and need to be viewed as a whole that is balanced over time.

Participation and Evaluation

- FW-1 Encourage active participation by all members of the Redmond community in planning for Redmond's future.**
- FW-2 When preparing City policies and regulations, take into account the good of the community as a whole, while treating property owners fairly and allowing some reasonable economic use for all properties. Require predictability and timeliness in permit decisions.**
- FW-3 Establish and support a culture of dialogue and partnership among city officials, residents, property owners, the business community, and agencies and organizations.**
- FW-4 Evaluate the effectiveness of policies, regulations and other implementation actions in achieving Redmond's goals and vision for the future, and take action as needed.**

Conservation and Natural Environment

- FW-5 Protect the ecological functions of area ecosystems and enhance the quality of the natural environment by protecting and restoring important critical areas such as streams, wetlands, and aquifer recharge areas and by retaining and protecting significant trees and other natural resources.**
- FW-6 Protect and restore the natural resources and ecological functions of shorelines, maintain and enhance physical and visual public access, and give preference to uses that are unique or dependent on shoreline locations.**
- FW-7 Support Redmond as an urban community that values clean air and water, views of stars at night, and quiet neighborhoods.**

FW-8 Emphasize Redmond's role as an environmental steward by conducting City business in a manner that:

- **Increases community understanding of the natural environment and participation in protecting it through education and involvement programs.**
- **Promotes sustainable land use patterns and low-impact development practices.**
- **Leads by example in the conservation of conserves natural resources such as energy, water and trees and avoidance of adverse environmental impacts.**

Land Use

FW-9 Ensure that the land use pattern accommodates carefully planned levels of development, fits with existing uses, safeguards the environment, reduces sprawl, promotes efficient use of land and provision of services and facilities, encourages an appropriate mix of housing and jobs, and helps maintain Redmond's sense of community and character.

FW-10 Ensure that the land use pattern in Redmond meets the following objectives:

- **Takes into account the land's characteristics and directs development away from environmentally critical areas and important natural resources.**
- **Encourages redevelopment of properties that are underutilized or inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan designation.**
- **Preserves land in the North Sammamish Valley and rural land north and east of the City for long-term agricultural use, recreation and uses consistent with rural character.**
- **Provides for attractive, affordable, high quality and stable residential neighborhoods that include a variety of housing choices.**
- **Focuses and promotes office, housing and retail development in the Downtown and in Overlake.**
- **Retains and encourages research and development, high technology and manufacturing uses in portions of Overlake, Willows and SE Redmond.**
- **Provides for industrial uses in suitable areas, such as portions of the Bear Creek Neighborhood.**
- **Provides opportunities to meet daily shopping or service needs close to residences and work places.**
- **Maintains and enhances an extensive system of parks, trails and open space.**

FW-11 Plan to accommodate a future population of 65,700 people and an employment base of 94,100 jobs in the City of Redmond by the year 2022.

FW-12 Promote a development pattern and urban designs that enable people to readily use alternative modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, transit, and car pools.

Housing

- FW-13 Create opportunities for the market to provide a diversity of housing types, sizes, densities and prices in Redmond to serve all economic segments and household types, including those with special needs related to age, health or disability.**
- FW-14 Encourage a housing supply in Redmond and nearby communities that enables more people to live closer to work, reduce commuting needs, and participate more fully in the community.**

Economic Development

- FW-15 Support sustainable and environmentally sound economic growth with appropriate land use regulations and infrastructure investments.**
- FW-16 Maintain a strong and diverse economy and tax base that provides a variety of job opportunities, supports the provision of excellent local services and public education, and keeps pace with economic and demographic changes.**
- FW-17 Maintain and enhance a broad variety of retail and service business choices that meet the needs of the greater Redmond community.**

Neighborhoods

- FW-18 Strengthen ongoing communication between each neighborhood and City officials.**
- FW-19 Make each neighborhood a better place to live or work by preserving and fostering each neighborhood's unique character while providing for compatible growth in residences and other land uses, such as businesses, services or parks.**

Downtown

- FW-20 Promote an economically healthy Downtown that is unique, attractive, and offers a variety of retail, office, service, residential, cultural and recreational opportunities.**
- FW-21 Nurture a Downtown Redmond that reflects the City's history and small town look and feel, preserves its natural setting, integrates urban park-like qualities, and serves as the primary community gathering place, and entertainment and cultural destination, for the greater Redmond area.**
- FW-22 Enhance the pedestrian ambiance of Downtown through public and private investments.**

FW-23 Foster Old Town's identity as a destination that has retained its historic identity and traditional downtown character, is linked through attractive pedestrian connections to the rest of Downtown, and provides an inviting atmosphere in which to shop, stroll or sit during the day and evening.

Overlake

FW-24 and 25 -- to be developed

Parks and Recreation

FW-26 Maintain and promote a vibrant system of parks, trails, open space, art and recreational facilities that provide infrastructure designed to meet community needs, enhance Redmond's high quality of life, and protect its natural beauty.

FW-27 Provide citizens of all ages, including seniors and teens, with diverse, attractive, safe and accessible recreational and cultural opportunities. Accommodate a broad range of community interests including active programs, such as sports, as well as opportunities for passive enjoyment, such as gathering areas and art, within a variety of civic settings.

Facilities and Services

FW-28 Plan, finance, build, rehabilitate and maintain capital facilities and services consistent with the following principles:

- A. Provide facilities and services that support the City's vision and land use plan as articulated in the Redmond Comprehensive Plan;**
- B. Ensure that capital facilities are well-designed, attractive, and safe;**
- C. Provide facilities and services that protect public health and safety;**
- D. Ensure adequate provision of needed infrastructure and services;**
- E. Allocate infrastructure funding responsibilities fairly;**
- F. Establish priorities for improvements and provide reasonable certainty that needed facility and service improvements are completed within a reasonable time.**

FW-29 Ensure that the cost of capital facility improvements are borne in proportion to the benefit received. Allocate the cost of facilities that are generated by, and that benefit growth, to those generating that growth.

Transportation

FW-30 Ensure that Redmond's character as a green city with a small town feel is protected when planning, constructing and maintaining the transportation system. Prioritize, plan, and invest in transportation to achieve Redmond's land use and community character objectives, while accommodating the adopted population and employment growth targets.

- FW-31** Develop strong local transportation connections that are multimodal, well designed, and appropriately located for the movement of people, goods, and freight among Redmond's Downtown, residences, shopping, employment, government, parks and schools.
- FW-32** Promote mobility choices by developing a range of practical transportation alternatives. Increase transportation investments that enhance the attractiveness of walking, bicycling, local and regional transit routes and ride-sharing to promote the quality of life and health of Redmond's citizens and the environment. Address travel demand through mobility choices, as well as through projects and programs that increase street safety and operating efficiency.
- FW-33** Develop strategies to influence regional decisions and leverage transportation investments to support and complement Redmond's land use, community character, and transportation objectives and to increase mobility, choice and access between the City and the region for people, goods and information.

Community Character

- FW-34** Maintain Redmond as a green city with an abundance of trees, forested areas, open space, parks, wildlife habitats, riparian corridors, access to shorelines and other elements of its beautiful natural setting.
- FW-35** Retain Redmond's small town feel while accommodating urban growth.
- FW-36** Ensure that building and site design maintain and enhance Redmond's character, retain identities unique to neighborhoods and districts, and create places that are high quality, attractive, and inviting to people.
- FW-37** Preserve Redmond's heritage, including historic links to native cultures, logging, and farming and its image as the Bicycle Capital of the Northwest, as an important element of the community's character.
- FW-38** Retain and attract small- to medium- sized and locally-owned businesses in Redmond to offer distinctive goods and services.
- FW-39** Provide a variety of gathering places in the community that provide citizens opportunities to enjoy the arts or views, to recreate, or to meet with others.
- FW-40** Promote opportunities to enhance public enjoyment of river and lake vistas and provide public places to take advantage of the Sammamish River as a community green gathering place.
- FW-41** Enhance Redmond as a community that is child-friendly and safe; supports neighborhoods, families and individuals; and is characterized by diversity, innovation, creativity and energy.

Human Services

- FW-42 Improve the welfare and independence of Redmond citizens by supporting the provision of human services to all in the community.**
- FW-43 Ensure that human service programs reflect and are sensitive to the cultural, economic and social diversity of the City.**

Regional Planning and Annexation

- FW-44 Develop and support regional policies, strategies and investments that reflect the vision and policies of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. Achieve local goals and values by participating fully in implementation of the Growth Management Act, VISION 2020, and the King County Countywide Planning Policies.**
- FW-45 Work with other jurisdictions and agencies, educational and other organizations, and the business community to develop and carry out a coordinated, regional approach for meeting the various needs of Eastside communities, including housing, human services, economic vitality, parks and recreation, transportation, and environmental protection.**
- FW-46 Work cooperatively with residents and property owners to annex all land within the designated Potential Annexation Area.**

Exhibit 2: Planning Commission Recommended Comprehensive Plan Sections for Repeal

Goals and Vision Chapter

Organization of this Chapter

Redmond's Goals and Vision for the Future are included in this chapter. The chapter is divided into the following sections:

The Introduction describes the intent of the Goals and Vision Chapter and its relationship to the other Comprehensive Plan chapters.

The Planning Context describes how the policies in this chapter respond to the requirements of the Growth Management Act and the Countywide Planning Policies.

The Goals for Redmond are 10 goals that guide the future development of the City.

Our Future Vision for the Redmond Community describes the intended future for Redmond in 20 years. The vision is based in part on the goals for Redmond.

The Vision Policies are divided into the following areas:

- A. **Framework Policies:** Refining the Goals guide the development of the Comprehensive Plan and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. They will also be used to help carry out the Comprehensive Plan over its lifetime.
- B. **Implementation Policies: Making Our Vision a Reality** describe the continuing actions the City of Redmond will need to undertake to make the Plan a reality. These policies include an annual monitoring report on the Comprehensive Plan, annual amendments to the Plan and a comprehensive five-year review of the Plan to ensure it meets the needs of the Redmond community. (Ord. 1847)

Introduction

The goals and vision for the future described in this chapter guide the preparation and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The other chapters are coordinated with this chapter to help achieve the overall goal of improving the quality of life in Redmond.
(Ord. 1847)

Planning Context

The goals and vision for the future described in this chapter are intended to keep the City of Redmond focused on how the Redmond community wants to look and feel over the next 20 years. This chapter is based on the results of an extensive citizen participation process that included a

series of community forums on Redmond's future, growth management and Downtown Redmond. This process also included several workshops on the character of the City and the meetings of the Citizen Advisory Committee. These views were combined with the requirements of Growth Management Act and implementing provisions to develop the Goals and Vision Chapter. While recommended by state regulations, a Vision Chapter is not required by the Growth Management Act. Redmond has chosen to prepare one to help achieve consistency across the various chapters of the Comprehensive Plan, to help describe what the Redmond community wants for the future and to illustrate some of the probable results of the policies proposed in the Comprehensive Plan. (Ord. 1847)

Goals for Redmond

This Comprehensive Plan is based on 10 key goals for the future of Redmond:

- To provide for a high quality of life.
- To protect the quality of the environment.
- To conserve agricultural lands and rural areas.
- To encourage attractive, high quality residential neighborhoods.
- To encourage a broad range of housing opportunities to meet community needs.
- To promote vital commercial and industrial neighborhoods and a strong and diverse economy.
- To involve the public in City decisions.
- To improve mobility for people and goods.
- To assist in meeting the recreational, educational, social, economic and cultural needs of community residents.
- To maintain a safe community.

The goals are the general ends that the Comprehensive Plan intends to achieve. The goals give general direction to the City as it carries out the plan policies, but the goals alone are not the basis for specific actions or decisions.

The goals are not listed in priority order. Redmond will seek to strike a balance in achieving these goals; one goal shall not be pursued to the exclusion of the others. It is important to recognize that the City of Redmond cannot achieve these goals on its own. Accomplishing the goals will require a partnership between the City, residents, property owners, the business community, non-profit corporations and county, state and federal agencies. (Ord. 1847)

Our Future Vision for the Redmond Community

The vision statement is a description of Redmond 20 years from now to show how the Plan can help achieve Redmond's goals. This vision for the future of Redmond is built upon the values and opinions of area residents and an analysis of the trends, opportunities and mandates facing the City. The vision is a word picture of the future. Like the goals, it is not intended to direct specific decisions on the location or intensity of development. The policies in the chapters do that. As required by the Growth Management Act, the updated Comprehensive Plan looks out over the next 20 years. Therefore, the vision is set in the year 2012.

Vision Statement

Redmond in 2012 has a high quality of life. It is a healthy and dynamic suburban community framed within a beautiful natural setting. Redmond has used this rich natural setting and good community design to develop a true sense of place.

An overview of the community includes the following areas:

- Attractive residential neighborhoods are found on the hills overlooking Lake Sammamish and the Sammamish River Valley, on Education Hill, immediately north of downtown, and on the hills and terraces west of the Bear Creek and Evans Creek valleys.
- Downtown is centrally located, spanning the area between the Sammamish River and lower Bear Creek. Downtown includes a vibrant mix of uses.
- Overlake, Redmond's second business and mixed-use center, is located in the southern part of the City. Another commercial area also is located at the intersection of State Routes (SR) 520 and 202. Businesses that serve residents' everyday needs are located near residential neighborhoods.
- High technology, research and development, and high-wage manufacturing firms are located northwest of Downtown, west of Willows Road and in Southeast Redmond.
- The open space and agricultural character of the north Sammamish Valley has been maintained. The Bear Creek and Evans Creek valleys remain rural, as do the areas north and east of the City.

Comfortable and affordable housing is located within safe, attractive and diverse neighborhoods conveniently connected by sidewalks and trails to other parts of the City as well as the regional trail system. The design of new residential areas integrates homes into the natural environment while older neighborhoods have retained their character. There is a broad choice of housing types at a range of prices, allowing families to live in homes that fit their needs. Families with low as well as high incomes can find the housing they want without stretching family budgets too far. Neighborhood and community parks also contribute to the high quality of life by providing a full range of recreation opportunities ranging from competitive activities, such as sports and games, to more restful and reflective activities, such as walking and wildlife viewing. Redmond's resource parks, the Watershed and Farrel-McWhirter Park, provide city residents with natural areas. Indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and programs meet the needs of residents of all ages.

New developments have been designed and constructed to protect the environment. Lake Sammamish and the Sammamish River enjoy high water quality and are used for boating and swimming. Improved water quality has helped the salmon to make a comeback. Open spaces and plenty of trees continue to define Redmond's physical appearance.

Redmond has two major mixed-use centers: Downtown and Overlake. Both centers contain an attractive and livable combination of retail, employment and residential uses. Redmond's vibrant downtown is a focus for the community and provides shopping, entertainment, arts, recreation,

services and housing. The buildings in "Old Town" have been refurbished while retaining their historic character. Overlake is home to major corporations and small businesses, it contains intense research and development centers, pedestrian-oriented commercial businesses, low-impact light manufacturing uses and expanded housing opportunities. Both areas have popular parks.

Businesses also are located in other areas identified above. The City has focused on attracting sustainable development to the community. Judicious land use and design regulations have protected nearby neighborhoods from the impacts of other uses.

In 2012, Redmond is served by many modes of transportation. The Regional Transit Project has brought light rail service to Overlake. Future service is planned to Downtown, with service to Kirkland, Bellevue, Seattle and beyond. The transit stations include shops, restaurants, offices and residences. Local transit service has also been greatly improved. Expanded dial-a-ride and circulator bus service better serve the needs of residential neighborhoods. Streets and highways have been improved to meet traffic, pedestrian and bicycle needs. The bicycle capital of the Northwest has an excellent system of bike paths and trails that are used for recreation, commuting and riding to school. Redmond homes, schools and businesses are well connected to the "Information Super Highway." These improvements allow people to spend less time traveling and more time where they want to go.

Efficient public services help maintain the high quality of life. Redmond is an efficient, responsive local government that adapts to the changing needs of its citizens. Redmond is served by high quality schools, a City government that understands the wide range of services needed to nurture healthy families and a wealth of cultural and recreational opportunities. The City works as a partner with churches, schools, businesses, service providers and other jurisdictions to help "build" a human services network that provides low-income families and persons with special needs the food, shelter, job training, child care and other services they need to become more independent. The community is involved in crime prevention and fire safety.

Urban areas west of Redmond to 132nd Avenue NE and north to NE 124th and 128th Streets have been annexed so that they may receive a full range of urban services.

In 2012 - as in 1994 - public participation remains an important part of Redmond's planning process. Citizen comments were incorporated into the draft Comprehensive Plan so that Redmond would become the community desired by its citizens. Citizen comments are sought and considered in decisions carrying out the Plan. The broad agreement on the Plan and clear and efficient permitting processes have helped to achieve community goals and provide for quick decisions on developments that are consistent with the Plan. (Ord. 1847)

Goals and Vision Policies

A. Framework Policies: Refining the Goals

To be effective, the goals and vision must be translated into policies, plan designations and actions. The framework policies fulfill that function. The framework policies begin with the designation "FVI," which stands for framework policy, Vision Chapter.

FVI-1 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan shall carry out the goals and vision for Redmond.

Planning to Accommodate Growth

The Redmond Comprehensive Plan prepares for the future by scheduling public facility improvements to meet the demand created by new development in areas designated for growth. These improvements will be provided in phases and will be paid for by a combination of public and private funds where appropriate. The Plan also has undergone Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review so the development encouraged by this Plan can be undertaken more quickly and with fewer reviews.

Planning for growth increases certainty for those areas designated for development. It also increases protection for areas planned for preservation because an outlet is available for the growth that would have occurred in these areas. Planning for growth does not mean that growth can occur anywhere. Some areas will remain at their existing level of development; others will be protected for their natural resource values. In other areas, public facility capacity may be built toward the end of the planning horizon, limiting growth in these areas until the public facilities are available.

To determine the demand for various land uses and services, Redmond has projected future population and employment growth. A population of 56,550 persons and a total employment base of 68,500 employees is projected for 2012. These projections include the existing City limits and probable annexions in Southeast Redmond, North Redmond, and west to 132nd Avenue NE. These projections are coordinated with the Office of Financial Management population projections for King County and the housing and employment targets set by the Countywide Planning Policies. The Comprehensive Plan is based these population and employment projections. The City will update other plans, such as the water plan and sewer plan, to meet these projections. These plans are called functional plans.

FVI-2 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan and City functional plans shall prepare to accommodate the Growth Management Act population and employment targets. The Comprehensive Plan shall be based on housing and employment projections consistent with the state projection and the targets in the Countywide Planning Policies.

FVI-3 Redmond should include a variety of housing types to meet the needs of all income levels and household types. Sufficient area should be allocated for housing to meet the market demand and housing needs of the Redmond community while balancing other community goals.

FVI-4 Redmond should include a broad variety of retail and service businesses that meet the needs of community residents. Sufficient area should be allocated to these uses to meet the market demands of the Redmond area while balancing other community goals.

FVI-5 Redmond should contain a broad variety of business uses to provide for a diversity of job opportunities, to meet community and regional needs and to reduce the impacts of business downturns in individual industries on the community as a whole. Sufficient area should be allocated to these uses to meet current and projected market demands and community economic development objectives while balancing other community goals.

FVI-6 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should encourage a land use pattern that:

- A. Maintains the character of residential neighborhoods;**
- B. Conserves rural and agricultural lands;**
- C. Promotes retail development in compact centers;**
- D. Provides opportunities for high wage jobs, and**
- E. Ensures open spaces and parks throughout.**

FVI-7 The Comprehensive Plan and implementing regulations shall encourage the redevelopment of underutilized properties, blighted properties or properties with uses that are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan designation.

FVI-8 The Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations shall allow some economic use of all properties within Redmond, taking into account all of the contiguous land in the same ownership. When preparing policies and regulations, the cumulative effect of the entire Plan and all applicable regulations on the use of the properties shall be considered.

FVI-9 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan and implementing regulations shall fairly allocate infrastructure funding responsibilities, promote predictable decision making and encourage timely permit decisions.

Incorporate Redmond's Natural Setting into the Plan and Protect and Enhance the Environment

Redmond has a rich and beautiful natural setting. Lake Sammamish, the Sammamish River, the hills, the forested slopes, the valleys and the creeks provide an attractive and environmentally sensitive setting for Redmond. The Comprehensive Plan seeks to retain the key features of the natural setting and to protect the environment by directing growth away from fragile areas. The unavoidable impacts of growth on the environment will be minimized and mitigated. Opportunities for enhancing the environment on publicly managed land will be identified and carried out.

FVI-10 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should direct development away from areas subject to natural hazards.

FVI-11 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should limit development in areas with significant natural resource values to protect the resources from serious adverse impacts.

FVI-12 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan and implementing regulations shall protect the functions of area ecosystems, important critical areas and important natural resources.

Planning for Mobility

Improved mobility is a key objective of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. The Redmond Comprehensive Plan reaffirms Redmond's commitment to Vision 2020, the Growth and Transportation Strategy for the Central Puget Sound, as modified by the Multi-County Planning Policies. Vision 2020 provides for a combination of transportation system improvements and compatible land uses that promote the efficient movement of people and goods. Vision 2020 recognizes that growth and transportation issues are intertwined. It seeks to ensure diverse, economically and environmentally healthy communities, framed by open space, and connected by a high-quality, efficient transportation system; it calls for containing growth by restricting the expansion of urban areas, thereby limiting the extent of sprawl into surrounding farmlands, forests and open spaces.

The Comprehensive Plan echoes this theme by providing transportation improvements to address current and future mobility problems while promoting a land use pattern that lessens trips and makes transit, walking and biking workable transportation options. The Plan provides a balanced transportation improvement program that includes transit improvements, bike ways, pedestrian improvements, new streets, and street and freeway capacity improvements.

The Comprehensive Plan accommodates eventual construction of the high capacity transit project, but is not dependent on it. The development pattern and transportation improvements are consistent with future development for high capacity transit. However, the Plan can work without high capacity transit, although shifting transportation funds may be necessary.

FVI-13 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should encourage a land use pattern that provides opportunities to lessen trip travel lengths and frequency and allows the use of a variety of transportation modes including transit, car and van pools, bicycling and walking, in addition to automobiles.

FVI-14 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should encourage a land use pattern that reduces dependency on vehicles.

FVI-15 Public facilities, transportation facilities and public services shall be planned and constructed in centers and other areas designated for growth in the Comprehensive Plan. These improvements shall be funded by public and private funds as appropriate.

Planning for an Urban Center and Advanced Technology Center

An Urban Center is a land use strategy employed by Vision 2020, the King County Countywide Planning Policies and the Redmond Comprehensive Plan to ensure mobility and to accommodate growth. An Urban Center is a concentration of jobs and housing within a defined boundary. It contains a mix of land uses. Because it is compact, a center can accommodate significant amounts of growth without consuming large amounts of land. This makes it economical to serve with public facilities and public services. Because of the mix of uses and compact character, many trips in an Urban Center can be made by walking, biking and transit.

Landowners, businesses, employees and residents in these areas benefit because the provision of services costs less. In addition, frequent trips, such as trips from home to work or work to services, are quicker and less costly because people can stay within the Center.

Advanced Technology Centers are also recognized by the Countywide Planning Policies. An Advanced Technology Center includes a mix of high technology office and manufacturing uses. This center creates a location where such uses can flourish.

Redmond has designated an Urban Center in Downtown Redmond and an Advanced Technology Center in Overlake. New development will be encouraged in these areas. These areas also will be the focus of public spending to accommodate growth. The centers eventually will be served by high capacity transit stations.

FVI-16 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should encourage growth within Urban and Advanced Technology Centers.

FVI-17 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should include public investment policies which support the City's land use plan and the Urban and Advanced Technology Centers strategy. Coordinate with Other Plans and Communities

The Comprehensive Plan works to coordinate other plans affecting the Redmond community. The Comprehensive Plan is the basis for City street, water, sewer, stormwater and park and recreation plans. State agency plans also must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Federal agencies are encouraged to help carry out the Plan. The plan allows private landowners the certainty to effectively plan for the future. The Plan shows landowners and developers where various uses are encouraged and where the City will provide public facilities and services.

This Plan is coordinated with the plans of King County and the cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville and Issaquah. This coordination took place by considering the King County Countywide Planning Policies in the preparation of the Plan. One purpose of these policies is to ensure consistent comprehensive plans. The other jurisdictions also reviewed drafts of the Plan and Plan amendments. Redmond also will review the other communities' plans for consistency with Redmond's Plan.

FVI-18 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Plan amendments should be coordinated with the plans of neighboring jurisdictions, King County and state and federal agencies.

Encourage Efficient Use of Redmond's Existing Public Facilities

Redmond has a significant investment in streets, water facilities, sewer facilities, parks, schools, fire stations, a police station, a library and other public infrastructure. The Plan takes advantage of these investments by directing growth to areas that have available infrastructure capacity or can be economically served by facility expansion. Growth will be staged so that the public facilities and services needed to serve growth will be available when growth is allowed or soon after approval.

FVI-19 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should encourage development in areas that can be efficiently served by public facilities and services.

FVI-20 Public facilities, transportation facilities and public services shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensively Meeting Community Needs

Integral to the success of comprehensive planning is understanding who we are planning for, where they will be living, the type and range of services they will likely need, and how and where they will get those services. The Comprehensive Plan recognizes the importance of understanding the community and community needs.

A community also needs more than buildings, parks and public facilities; it needs social and cultural services as well. The Comprehensive Plan recognizes those needs and encourages the effective provision of those services in partnership with other public and private service providers.

FVI-21 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should promote equity in terms of access, availability, and affordability.

Maintain Rural Areas and Resource Lands

While most rural areas and resource lands are outside the City of Redmond, easy access to rural areas is important to City residents. Rural areas give Redmond a visible boundary between other urban areas. Rural areas also allow for diverse lifestyles in the Redmond region.

The City of Redmond does contain resource lands and open space in the north Sammamish Valley. These areas will be maintained for open space and resource use. Other, limited areas of the City have a rural character that will be maintained.

The City of Redmond supports the maintenance of the Urban Growth Area boundary and the preservation of rural areas near the City. The City will not extend urban levels of services into rural areas. The City will not annex areas that are outside the Urban Growth Area designated under the Growth Management Act.

For those undeveloped areas within the Urban Growth Area, the Comprehensive Plan includes policies describing those areas that Redmond will annex and what conditions are necessary before annexation can occur. The Plan also identifies when urban services will be provided to these unincorporated areas. These policies will work together to convert undeveloped lands within the Urban Growth Area to urban uses in an orderly and cost-effective manner.

By planning for growth in Redmond and in areas to be annexed to the City, pressures will be reduced to convert rural areas and natural resource lands, such as farm and forest lands, to urban and suburban uses. This will protect Redmond's attractive natural setting and make Redmond and nearby areas more desirable places to live, work and operate a business.

FVI-22 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should retain farmland and open space and direct intense development to other areas of the City.

Maintain Community Character

What makes one community unique from another may be its physical or population size, a unique industry or economic endeavor, its unique location or topographical features, its historical roots or existing cultural patterns. It may be noted for specific transportation or architectural features. All these create a sense of place and community. Even as changes occur over time the community can direct the character and design of that growth to shape the community into what they desire. The Comprehensive Plan recognizes the importance of maintaining some of the resources that have given the community its present uniqueness and character. It also recognizes that good urban design can affect the image of a city.

FVI-23 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan should encourage preservation of its existing unique features and use urban design principles to maintain an identity which is unique to the City of Redmond.

Planning for Action

A plan is carried out through regulations, public expenditures, private development and partnerships between the City and the private sector, adjacent communities and the region. The Comprehensive Plan is intended to be realistic and capable of being carried out. The Plan includes realistic plans for public expenditures, encourages private development in appropriate locations and is intended to be implemented by consistent regulations. The Plan also builds on Redmond's partnerships with the private sector, nearby communities and the region.

The Plan also considered the views of the Redmond community obtained in a variety of ways, including the Redmond Community Forums, the Community Redmond workshops and the Comprehensive Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee. Future amendments to the Plan and the decision-making processes implementing the Plan also will include opportunities for members of the public to give their opinions.

FVI-24 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan, Plan amendments and Plan updates shall include a citizen participation component that provides the opportunity for all members of the Redmond community to have their opinions considered.

FVI-25 The Redmond Comprehensive Plan chapters shall be consistent with this chapter and each other.

Land Use Policies

A. Land Use Framework Policies

The Vision Chapter sets an overall concept for Redmond's future development. The framework policies in this section translate the overall vision into one for land use in Redmond. The framework policies are preceded by "FLU." The framework policies are implemented by the land use policies in the following sections. These policies are preceded by the notation "LU."

The pattern of uses that make up a community can address a variety of needs and achieve a variety of goals. The following framework policies set out the key goals this chapter seeks to achieve. The preferred land use pattern in the following section shows how these goals translate into actual uses in the community.

FLU-1 The land use pattern should accommodate carefully planned levels of development, protect existing uses, safeguard the environment, reduce sprawl, promote efficient use of land, encourage alternative modes of transportation and help to maintain Redmond's sense of community.

FLU-2 The quality of the environment should be protected by taking into account the land's suitability for development and directing intense development away from natural hazards and important natural resources.

FLU-3 Agricultural areas should be conserved for long-term family farming by designating the north Sammamish Valley for agricultural uses.

FLU-4 Affordable, attractive, stable and high quality residential neighborhoods should be encouraged while providing for an appropriate variety of housing opportunities. Shopping opportunities for daily needs should be provided close to residences.

FLU-5 Vital commercial and manufacturing areas and a strong and diverse economy should be promoted by encouraging office and retail development Downtown and in Overlake, providing opportunities for research and development and high technology development in Overlake, Willows and Southeast Redmond and reserving land for manufacturing uses in suitable areas. Policies also should contain clear standards and predictable decision making to promote commercial and manufacturing activities.

Housing Policies

Housing Framework Policies

Framework policies in the Housing Chapter are defined by the citizen input, legislation and housing needs presented in the previous section. Framework policies represent general intended outcomes for the implementation housing policies presented in the next section of this chapter. As with the implementation housing policies, framework policies are divided into five topic areas: neighborhood quality, affordability, special needs housing, jobs/housing balance and housing planning and coordination.

A. Neighborhood Quality

Two of the City's roles in ensuring neighborhood quality are to provide a compatible mix of land uses in and around residential areas and to ensure that the basic elements of a well-designed neighborhood, landscaping, open space and building height, for example, are maintained and established in all Redmond neighborhoods.

For Redmond citizens, residential neighborhoods are perhaps the most desirable characteristic of the City. Creating attractive, safe and livable neighborhoods is a strong community value. In citizen input forums, Redmond residents have continually recommended that the City use policies and standards to retain high quality neighborhoods.

The framework policies presented in this section and the housing policies presented in the following section address the need identified by the Redmond community to continue to preserve, as well as to create, high quality residential neighborhoods. They also address the need to ensure a compatible mix of land uses in residential neighborhoods.

FHO-1 Existing and new residential neighborhoods in Redmond should be attractive and safe places to live, incorporating all of the qualities of well-designed, character-rich neighborhoods.

FHO-2 Redmond's residential neighborhoods should include a compatible mix of land uses in and around new and existing residential neighborhoods.

C. Special Needs Housing

Redmond's population includes persons with special housing needs. Special needs citizens require some assistance in their day-to-day living, such as the physically or mentally disabled, victims of domestic violence, chemical dependents, people living with AIDS, youth at risk and seniors. Family living situations, institutional settings, social service programs and assisted housing all serve a portion of those with special housing needs. Surveys of social service providers indicate that more families are seeking some form of housing assistance; three-fifths of the providers see housing as the most serious need facing their clients.

The City's role in meeting the demand for special needs housing in the City is two-fold. The first role is to make funding available to social service agencies providing housing to this population. Currently, the City allocates some financial resources for this purpose through its housing trust fund and Community Development Block Grant program. These funding sources are intermittent, however, and well below the level needed to support local special needs housing efforts.

A second role available to the City for addressing the demand for special needs housing is through the City's land use code. Based on nationwide policies and trends, social service agencies will increasingly turn to group homes and home-based care as the preferred method of housing special needs populations. Adding flexibility to the City's land use code to allow group homes and home-based care represents a significant opportunity available to the City for meeting the demand for special needs housing.

FHO-7 Housing opportunities should be available in Redmond for those with special needs, particularly for those with challenges related to age, health or disability.

FHO-8 Appropriate human service programs should be available to clients of special needs housing programs.

D. Jobs/Housing Balance

The balance between jobs and housing in Redmond is an important factor in determining the type and affordability of housing available in the City. The quantity and types of employment available in the City can affect housing at all income levels and for all residents. The purpose of linking jobs and housing is to plan for suitable housing opportunities for current and future Redmond employees.

FHO-9 The City's housing supply should be appropriate to the needs and desires of persons employed in and around Redmond.

E. Housing Planning and Coordination

Framework policies in this section address two important realities in housing planning. First, housing needs as well as solutions to those needs pay little attention to city boundaries. Housing issues are rarely centered on a single jurisdiction; therefore, regional cooperation in housing planning is important. Second, housing conditions change over time. In order to develop effective housing strategies, it will be important to track the effectiveness of existing policies and to make periodic adjustments to policies and regulations.

FHO-10 Redmond should work with other jurisdictions to develop a coordinated, regional approach to meeting the housing needs of Eastside communities.

FHO-11 The City should establish processes for measuring the effectiveness of policies and regulations in meeting the housing needs of Redmond residents.

Transportation Policies

A. Framework Policies

T The following Transportation Framework Policies represent the most basic principles which guide the development of transportation planning plans, policies and strategies. Policy statements outlined in each of the Transportation Chapter subsections that follow relate either directly or indirectly to the Framework Policies.

FTR-1 Implementation of the City's land use plan and the regional growth strategy, Vision 2020, shall be the primary consideration when planning, developing, maintaining and administering the City's transportation system.

FTR-2 The City's transportation system shall promote mobility for Redmond citizens and workers by providing a range of equally practical transportation alternatives. The transportation system shall emphasize facilities and services which support and encourage transit, ride sharing, bicycling and walking as practical alternatives to use of the single-occupant vehicle (SOV).

FTR-3 The City's transportation system shall be based on the principal of honoring individual choices and preferences regarding personal transportation while at the same time striving to reflect the true cost of transportation alternatives in plans, policies and regulations.

FTR-4 The City shall maintain a transportation planning, funding and implementation framework which distributes costs and benefits equitably, assures adequate provision of needed infrastructure and offers reasonable levels of certainty regarding transportation system development.

Capital Facilities Policies

A. Framework Policies

The following Capital Facility Framework Policies represent the most basic principles which guide the development of capital facility plans, policies and strategies. Policy statements outlined in each of the Capital Facility Chapter subsections that follow relate either directly or indirectly to the Framework Policies.

FCF-1 The intent of the City's capital investment is to provide capital facilities and infrastructure which are needed by the community for civic purposes and which cannot be readily provided by individuals or groups other than City government.

FCF-2 When planning, developing and administering the City's capital investment program, primary consideration shall be given to the following goals:

- A. Providing infrastructure to support the vision of Redmond's future as articulated in the Comprehensive Plan;**
- B. Supporting the provision of City services consistent with the expectations of the community, as expressed in the City's declared level of service standards;**
- C. Protecting public health and safety;**
- D. Rehabilitating or replacing the City's facilities and infrastructure as necessary to extend the useful life of existing facilities and ensure continued efficiency, and**
- E. Providing facilities which meet special needs of the community, such as those supported by voter-approved bonds.**

FCF-3 The cost of new capital facilities and capacity improvements should be borne by those who benefit most directly. Those who benefit from a new facility should bear costs in proportion to the benefit received. The cost of facilities which respond to and mitigate the impacts of growth should be borne by those generating that growth.

Human Services Policies

A. Human Services Framework Policies

Human services are those services provided directly to individuals or families having difficulty meeting their basic human needs for:

- physical survival (food, shelter, clothing);
- adequate preparation for and help in sustaining gainful employment (employment and training programs, child care);
- social support and interaction, especially in times of personal family crisis (counseling, family reconciliation);

- assistance in overcoming specific pathologies (health, mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence);
- help in gaining access to available services (transportation, information about and referral to services).

Residents choose to use these services. They are not imposed upon people but simply are made available as resources or tools residents can use as they try to care for themselves and their families.

Services may be targeted geographically, by age group, or by specific condition. Residents should not be denied access to services because of physical barriers associated with the architectural design of or the location of offices, inaccessible hours of operation, stringent income eligibility requirements to qualify for services or lack of interpreters for persons who do not speak English.

FHS-1 Redmond shall help to improve the welfare of its citizens by supporting the provision of human services in the community.

FHS-2 Services may either be preventive or remedial. They are not meant to be used for long-term maintenance, but rather to assist recipients to achieve the greatest possible level of independence and to prevent further or more serious problems in the future.

FHS-3 Redmond shall ensure that human service programs reflect and are sensitive to the cultural, economic and social diversity of the City.

FHS-4 Redmond shall encourage the agencies serving its residents to make their services accessible to all in the community. Barriers to accessibility should be eliminated to the extent possible.

Parks and Recreation Policies

FPR-1 Redmond's natural beauty shall be protected through a vibrant system of parks, trails and open space.

FPR-2 Provide citizens of all ages with wholesome recreational and cultural opportunities in clean, properly maintained, safe and accessible facilities.

FPR-3 Preserve our quality living environment for future generations.

FPR-4 Open space should be provided to retain an important component of Redmond's character.

B. City Center Framework Goals and Policies

The following policies provide a framework to guide future development of Redmond's City Center. (Note: The following references to "comparison" centers mean a shopping area that contains a sufficient number of stores selling the same or similar goods to allow shoppers to compare price and quality. Comparison goods include clothing, related soft goods, furniture, appliances and specialty goods, such as jewelry.)

FCC-1 Promote the development of Downtown Redmond as the primary commercial activity center and destination location for the City and greater Redmond area.

FCC-2 Encourage development of a unique, attractive and economically healthy downtown that reflects Redmond's history and natural setting and offers a variety of service, office, retail, residential, cultural and recreational opportunities.

FCC-5 Foster Redmond's image as Bicycle Capital of the Northwest.

FCC-6 Encourage public and private development to retain and enhance the natural features in Downtown Redmond to create a unique and attractive urban park setting which will establish the image and character for development throughout the City.

FCC-7 Encourage the development of the City Center as the cultural focus of the greater Redmond area.