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ORDINANCE NO. 1234

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON
AMENDING CHAPTER 3.40 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL
CODE BY ALLOWING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS PRIOR TO
COUNCIL REVIEW

WHEREAS, Chapter 128 of the 1984 Laws of the State of Washington, codified as RCW 42.24.180, permits the legislative body of cities to authorize issuance of checks or warrants for payment of claims after the authorized municipal officer has signed the checks or warrants and before the legislative body has acted to approve such claims and disbursements, and

WHEREAS, by taking advantage of this authorization, the City of Redmond could expedite the process of paying claims, and be in a better position to take advantage of discounts for early payment, now, therefore,

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

Section One. Section 3.40.020 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.40.020 Preparation of Voucher List. The City Treasurer-Comptroller shall audit and examine all demands presented against the City for payment after the same have been examined and approved by the appropriate administrative official or department head. If he concurs in a finding of the appropriate administrative official or department head that a demand is just, due and owing, and if funds are available, and if he further finds that payment of said demand would not be in violation of any City ordinance, State statute or general law, he may authorize payment of the same. Said authorization shall be sufficient for the honoring and payment of such demand by the Mayor.

The City Treasurer-Comptroller shall prepare a list of vouchers to be presented for approval by the City Council and shall make his recommendations regarding the same, or may authorize payment prior to City Council approval, subject to City Council review pursuant to this Chapter. Such payment must be in accordance with contracting, hiring, purchasing and disbursing policies that implement effective internal control, as directed by the City Council, pursuant to RCW 42.24.180(2).

Section Two. A new Section 3.40.025 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

3.40.025 Bond Required. Pursuant to RCW 42.24.180(1), as auditing officer and the officer designated to sign the checks or warrants, the Treasurer-Comptroller and Mayor

shall each furnish an official bond for the faithful discharge of their duties in an amount not less than \$50,000.00

Section Three. Section 3.40.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.40.030 Audit and Recommendation by Finance Committee. The Finance Committee of the City Council shall examine and audit all demands and vouchers presented against the City for payment, and all payments made pursuant thereto, and shall recommend approval or denial thereof by the Council as a whole at its next regular meeting. At least two of the three members of the Finance Committee shall sign the voucher list prepared by the City Treasurer-Comptroller to indicate the action by the Committee.

Section Four. Section 3.40.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.40.040 Action by the Council. The City Council shall consider and approve or deny by majority vote the vouchers and demands presented against the City for payment and any payment made pursuant thereto, as the same are presented to it at a regular meeting or special meeting of the Council called for that purpose. If, upon review, the City council disapproves any claims previously paid, the Treasurer-Comptroller and the Mayor shall jointly cause said disapproved claims to be recognized as receivables of the taxing district and to pursue collection diligently until the amounts disapproved are collected or until the legislative body is satisfied and approves the claims.

Section Five. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after passage and publication by posting as provided by law.

CITY OF REDMOND:

Dorren Marchione
MAYOR, DORREN MARCHIONE

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Doris A. Schaible
CITY CLERK, DORIS A. SCHAIBLE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY *Jimmy C. Martin*

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PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: January 22, 1985
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR: January 25, 1985
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