Penalties for Drug Offenses

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ORDINANCE NO. 1494

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES VIOLATIONS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council recognizes that the Washington State Legislature has preempted the area of penalties imposed for misdemeanor violations involving controlled substances, and

WHEREAS, revisions to the controlled substance penalty provisions are necessary to make the City provisions consistent with state laws, now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 9.01.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to add a new subsection (C) to read as follows:

c. person convicted of a misdemeanor violation of any provision of RCW 69.50 adopted by reference shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than twenty-four consecutive hours, and by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars. On a second or subsequent conviction, the fine shall not be less than five hundred dollars. These fines shall be in addition to any other fine or penalty imposed. Unless the court finds that the imposition of the minimum imprisonment will pose a to substantial risk the defendant's mental well-being or that physical or local jail facilities are in overcrowded condition, the minimum term of imprisonment shall not be suspended or If the court finds such risk or deferred. overcrowding exists, it shall sentence the defendant to a minimum of forty hours of community service. If a minimum term of imprisonment is suspended or deferred, the court shall state in writing the reason for granting the suspension or deferral and the facts upon which the suspension or deferral is based. Unless the court finds the person to be indigent, the minimum fine shall not be suspended or deferred.

Section 2. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity unconstitutionality shall affect not the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. 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 the attached approved summary.

APPROVED:

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CLERK, DORIS

APPROVED AS TO FORM: OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

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PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

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