RESOLUTION NO. 1160

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND. WASHINGTON. PROVIDING **FOR** PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 11, 2003 PROPOSING TO CHANGE THE CITY'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT FROM THE CURRENT MAYOR-COUNCIL PLAN AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 35A.12 RCW TO THE COUNCIL-MANAGER AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 35A.13 RCW: REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS AND ELECTIONS MAKE ANY NECESSARY FINDING OF EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PLACE SAID PROPOSITION ON THE MARCH 11, 2003 SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2002, the Redmond City Council decided to reexamine whether the structure of city government should be changed from the mayor-council form of government authorized by Chapter 35A.12 RCW to the council-manager form of government authorized by Chapter 35A.13 RCW, and

WHEREAS, a committee of eight citizens was appointed to study the issue and the committee met numerous times over the course of the spring and summer in order to accomplish its task; and

WHEREAS, at the end of August 2002, the committee issued its final report, recommending that the City adopt the council-manager form of government with a directly-elected, full-time mayor, pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Optional Municipal Code, and

WHEREAS, the City Council met with the committee on September 10, 2002 in order to hear the committee's recommendation and the Council subsequently discussed the issue and determined to place that portion of the committee's recommendation calling for a change in the City's form of government from the mayor-council form to the council-manager form on the March 11, 2003 special election ballot, and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.06.050 requires that the issue be voted on at the next general municipal election after passage of this resolution, if one is to be held within 180 days, or otherwise at a special election called for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the next general municipal election is more than 180 days away and the Council has determined that the matter should therefore be submitted to the voters at the March 11, 2003 special election, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Call for Election. Pursuant to RCW 35A.06.030 - .060, the City Council hereby calls for submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the City proposing to change the City's form of government from the current mayor-council plan authorized by Chapter 35A.12 RCW to the council-manager plan authorized by Chapter 35A.13 RCW. Said proposition shall retain the City's status as a Washington Optional Municipal Code City under Title 35A RCW. The Council calls for the election to be held in conjunction with the special election scheduled for March 11, 2003.

Section 2. Request for Declaration of Emergency and For Mail. To the extent necessary under RCW 29.13.020, the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to find the existence of an

emergency and to call the requested election in the City of Redmond for March 11, 2003. The proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City is set forth in Section 3.

Section 3. Ballot Proposition. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the following ballot proposition to the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections:

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Shall the City of Redmond, Washington, change its form of government from the current mayor-council plan authorized by Chapter 35A.12 RCW to the council-manager plan authorized by Chapter 35A.13 RCW?

Yes	
No	

The City Clerk and City Attorney are authorized to make modifications to the above-stated proposition if necessary to place the same on the ballot, as long as the effect of the proposition remains the same.

Section 4. Local Voters' Pamphlet. Pursuant to RCW 29.81A.010, it is requested that the County Council authorize the publication and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet for this jurisdiction to cover the ballot measure identified in this resolution. It is understood that the cost of producing and distributing the pamphlet will be a cost of the election as provided in RCW 29.81A.070. The City Attorney is directed to prepare and submit the explanatory statement for the ballot proposition as required by the administrative rules of the King County Department of Records and Elections. The arguments for and against the ballot proposition shall be prepared by the committees appointed by the Council pursuant to RCW 29.81A.080.

Section 5. Reorganization. If a majority of the votes cast at the election favor changing to the council-manager plan of government, the City shall reorganize under the council-manager plan of government and the City shall thereafter be governed by such plan. The mayor shall serve as an eighth councilmember for the remainder of her term and elections for council positions shall thereafter be held as provided in RCW 35A.06.050.

APPROVED:

MAYOR ROSEMARIE M. IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK BONNIE MATTSON

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

November 26, 2002 December 3, 2002

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