

CODE

**CITY OF REDMOND  
ORDINANCE NO. 2969**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE SUBSECTION 5.56.150, IMPOUND AND STORAGE YARDS, IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE TOWING COMPANIES LICENSED BY THE CITY TO MAINTAIN IMPOUND AND STORAGE YARDS WITHIN FIFTEEN MILES OF THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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WHEREAS, Chapter 5.56 of the Redmond Municipal Code (RMC) requires all towing companies to obtain a license to operate within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, RMC 5.56.150 requires that all towing companies licensed by the City maintain an impound and storage yard within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, as urbanization has transformed the City, towing vendors have struggled to meet this requirement due to a lack of available land; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Police Department impounds vehicles from time-to-time and requires towing services from vendors in order to do so; and

WHEREAS, given the lack of available impound and storage yards within the City, the Redmond Police Chief has recommended that

RMC 5.56.150 be amended in order to eliminate the requirement that impound and storage yards be located within the city and to allow such impound and storage yards to be located within 15 miles of the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Police Chief.

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

<sup>4</sup> Section 1.      Classification.      This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and the amended RMC 5.56.150 in Section 2 below shall become part of the Redmond Municipal Code.

Section 2.      Amendment of Subsection.      RMC 5.56.150, Impound and Storage Yards, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**5.56.150 Impound and storage yards.**

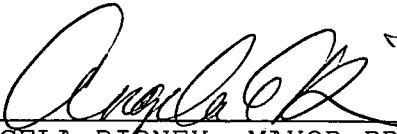
Any licensee impounding or storing vehicles by public or private authority shall be required at all times to provide an area for the safe and secure storage of such vehicles either in a locked building or within a suitably enclosed area, adequately fenced and lighted, which shall be located in an appropriately zoned area within 15 miles of the city limits, except for "in-place" impounds, and the release of any impounded vehicle shall be processed [~~ENTIRELY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS~~] at the location of the impound yard.

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 or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase.

Section 4.      Effective Date.      This ordinance shall become effective five days after its publication, or publication of a summary thereof, in the city's official newspaper, or as otherwise provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May,  
2019.

CITY OF REDMOND:

  
ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

  
MICHELLE M. HART, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
JAMES E. HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: May 7, 2019  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: May 21, 2019  
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR: May 24, 2019  
PUBLISHED: May 27, 2019  
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2019  
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YES: ANDERSON, BIRNEY, CARSON, MARGESON, PADHYE  
NO: FIELDS, MYERS