



Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: **2019 Redmond Zoning Code – Periodic Cleanup Phase II**

PURPOSE

During the second half of this year, the Planning Commission will begin discussion on a package of Redmond Zoning Code (RZC) and Redmond Municipal Code (RMC) amendments. Staff will provide a preliminary briefing regarding the draft proposed amendments and their review process. Staff will seek Commissioners' questions on the review process and anticipated schedule.

BACKGROUND

This is the second phase of a periodic cleanup. The first phase, adopted by the City Council in April 2019 (*Ordinance Nos. 2958, 2959, 2960, 2960, eff. April 27, 2019*), included 29 minor corrections such as typographical errors and inadvertent omissions. City Council's prior action to adopt a code cleanup was in 2015 (*Ordinance No. 2803, eff. Oct 17, 2015*).

As a normal course of business, City staff record code errors, discrepancies, and ambiguities as they are discovered. The staff then propose amendments to the zoning and municipal codes to address these issues. This process also includes identifying potential code updates due to changed conditions, for conformance with new state or federal regulation, and for alignment with emerging technologies or practices.

The Planning Commission reviews and makes a recommendation to the City Council on the collection of issues and corresponding amendments. The City Council subsequently reviews the recommended amendments for concurrence and approval.

Phase II, coming before the Commission for review in August, includes policy-consistent items that clarify and create consistency within the codes and accomplish the following objectives:

- Correct typographical errors and ensure accuracy of the code;
- Resolve inadvertent omissions from the code;
- Restore references to other sections of the code;
- Add and enhance definitions for alignment and clarity within the code; and
- Update code for conformance with permits, regulations, functional plans, and state laws.