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REDMOND URBAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION

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Wednesday, July 17th, 2024 5:30 pm

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Agenda

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Members**

**Ben
Schimmoller,
Chair**

**Norman
Schultz, Vice-
Chair**

Heather DeWolf

**Joseph
Zampko**

**Mercedes
Cook-Bostick**

Michael Rogers

Tom Kuhn

**Ex-Officio
Ray Randall**

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. April 24, 2024
- b. May 1, 2024
- c. June 12, 2024

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Redmond Development Code Amendment (711-24-000126-TA)

V. Next Meeting – August 21, 2024

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURN

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MINUTES

April 24, 2024

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Norman Schultz, Mercedes Cook-Bostick, Heather DeWolf, Tom Kuhn, Michael Rogers, *Absent: Chair Ben Schimmoller, Joseph Zampko*

Youth Ex Officio: *Ray Randall (absent)*

City Staff: Kyle Roberts, *Planning Director*; Morgan Snyder, *Long Range Planner*

Visitors: Scott Aycock, *Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC)*; Jesse Winterowd, *Winterbrook Planning*; George, *SERA Architects*; Eve Ponder

Media: None

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of commissioners voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

I. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Schultz called the meeting of the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission to order at 5:30 pm, April 24, 2024, with a quorum present (5 of 7 commissioners).

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Central Oregon Ready, Responsive, Resilient (CORE3): Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment, Urban Growth Boundary Expansion, Master Development Plan, and Zoning Map Amendment (Files Nos. 711-23-000146-TA, 711-23-000147-UGB, 711-23-000148-MD, and 711-23-000149-ZMA)

Vice Chair Schultz read the public hearing procedure into the record.

When asked if any Commissioners had pre-hearing contacts, ex parte observations, or conflicts of interest to disclose Commissioner DeWolf stated she sat on the Housing For All Committee with Scott Aycock who was presenting.

Seeing no challenges to the qualifications of any Planning Commissioner present, Vice Chair Schultz opened the public hearing.

Long Range Planner Morgan Snyder presented the Staff report (included in the meeting packet) regarding the CORE3 project proposal for a facility to train emergency response personnel throughout the region and serve as a coordination facility for disaster response to be located at 1805 E Highway 126, 1002 NE 17th Street, and 2400 NE Maple Avenue, inclusive of five land use applications, the four mentioned above and one regarding annexation. Staff recommended that the Planning Commission adopt a recommendation of approval of the project subject to

conditions, to be forwarded to City Council and the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Questions from the Commission were addressed regarding the discrepancy in public rights-of-way on the subject transportation streets, acquiring additional right-of-way as needed for development, on-site disposal of Areas 5 and 6, buffers provided in areas adjacent to the development area, expanding existing access with the 21st Street and Evergreen Avenue proposals, and that the applicant would likely be open in the future to the City punching a street through if the land sat vacant.

Staff confirmed they had no problem with Commissioner DeWolf being involved in the public hearing given her earlier disclosure.

Scott Aycock, Community and Economic Development Director, COIC, presented an overview of the proposed CORE3 project, noting COIC was the applicant on behalf of 28 local, state, and federal agencies. Deschutes County was the landowner.

Further questions from the Commission were addressed with input from COIC Resilience Planner Shelby Knight clarifying CORE3 would not be a center for processing refugees but a place for the agencies to coordinate an emergency response and that St. Charles Hospital and the National Guard were not currently at the table as partners and concerning the use of the facility in response to disasters if there would be no large disaster, preparation for cyber attacks, the number of employees regularly on site, and state and federal funding over local funding.

Commissioner Rogers recommended funding opportunities for the project through the USDA Rural Development Department and the Community Reinvestment Act.

Seeing no public testimony, Vice Chair Schultz continued the hearing to May 1st.

IV. Next Meeting – May 1, 2024

V. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

VI. ADJOURN

With no further business, Vice Chair Schultz adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

APPROVED by the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission and SIGNED by me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

_____/s/
Ben Schimmoller
Chair

_____/s/
Kyle Roberts
Planning Director



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MINUTES

May 1, 2024

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Norman Schultz, Mercedes Cook-Bostick, Heather DeWolf, Tom Kuhn, *Absent: Michael Rogers, Chair Ben Schimmoller, Joseph Zampko*

Youth Ex Officio: Ray Randall (*absent*)

City Staff: Kyle Roberts, *Planning Director*; Morgan Snyder, *Long Range Planner*

Visitors: Scott Aycock, *Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC)*; Jesse Winterowd, *Winterbrook Planning*; George, *SERA Architects*; Wayne Powderly

Media: None

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I. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Schultz called the meeting of the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission to order at 5:30 pm, May 1, 2024, with a quorum present (4 of 7 commissioners).

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 3, 2024

Motion 1 (0/0/0): Commissioner Kuhn moved to approve the April 3, 2024, minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Cook-Bostick. The motion died, and the minutes would be approved at the next Commission meeting, as Commissioner DeWolf had not yet reviewed them.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Central Oregon Ready, Responsive, Resilient (CORE3): Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment, Urban Growth Boundary Expansion, Master Development Plan, and Zoning Map Amendment (Files Nos. 711-23-000146-TA, 711-23-000147-UGB, 711-23-000148-MD, and 711-23-000149-ZMA) – Continuation of Public Hearing from April 24th

Vice Chair Schultz stated this meeting was the continuation of the public hearing.

Long Range Planner Morgan Snyder reported no changes since last week's hearing and that nothing new had been submitted into the record.

Commissioner DeWolf wanted to make sure the infrastructure was sufficient for future growth in the area of CORE3. Planning Director Roberts confirmed when infrastructure was built under Highway 126 for Oasis Village, it was sized big enough for CORE3 as well.

Vice Chair Schultz closed the public hearing.

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner DeWolf moved to recommend that the Redmond City Council and the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners approve the CORE3 project subject to the conditions presented in the Staff report, seconded by Commissioner Cook-Bostick. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Next Meeting – June 19, 2024

Planning Director Roberts stated the date was a typo, as it was Juneteenth. The next meeting would be held June 12th which would be a public hearing for a proposed master development plan for Pacific Star Estates.

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Schultz thanked Staff for their extensive work on the public hearing process for CORE3 and wished Scott Aycock good luck with the project.

Mr. Aycock described how great it had been working with the City on the project, noting COIC had team members ready to address questions related to the emergency management system.

VII. ADJOURN

With no further business, Vice Chair Schultz adjourned the meeting at 5:39 pm.

APPROVED by the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission and SIGNED by me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

_____/s/
Ben Schimmoller
Chair

_____/s/
Kyle Roberts
Planning Director



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MINUTES

June 12, 2024

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Norman Schultz, Mercedes Cook-Bostick, Tom Kuhn, Michael Rogers, *Absent: Chair Ben Schimmoller, Heather DeWolf, Joseph Zampko*

Youth Ex Officio: Ray Randall (*absent*)

City Staff: Kyle Roberts, *Planning Director*; Morgan Snyder, *Long Range Planner*, Jamie Buddenbohn, *Planning Permit Coordinator*

Visitors: Mike Bolander, Judy Bolander, Hayes McCoy, Ransom Hayden, Terry Vollertsen, Tom Rice, Tammy Rice, Mike Hinton

Media: None

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of commissioners voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

I. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Schultz called the meeting of the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission to order at 5:30 pm, June 12, 2024, with a quorum present (4 of 7 commissioners).

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 3, 2024

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the April 3, 2024, minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Kuhn.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Pacific Star Estates: Master Development Plan and Tentative Subdivision (File Nos.: 711-23-000227-MD and 711-23-000228-SP)

Vice Chair Schultz read the public hearing procedure into the record.

No Commissioners had pre-hearing contacts, ex parte observations, or conflicts of interest to disclose.

Seeing no challenges to the qualifications of any Planning Commissioner present, Vice Chair Schultz opened the public hearing.

Long Range Planner Morgan Snyder presented the Staff report (included in the meeting packet) regarding the proposal for Pacific Star Estates located at 2098 Northwest Way, Redmond,

Oregon. Staff recommended approval of the application subject to certain conditions of approval and requested two modifications due to updates since the Staff report was published, to Condition #9 and to the Pedestrian Access Condition. No public comment had been received at present, but she addressed the questions she had received, some of which pertained to dust, noise, and water rights.

Questions from the Commission were addressed clarifying why the landscaping criterion was not required, the average lot size for R-4 was about 5650 sq ft, and the City did not regulate the actual ownership of the dwelling units, just the creation of the lots. It was clarified that no comments had come from the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID), the applicant stated the property had water rights, no affordable housing was proposed at present, and the development proposed to pipe the canal and in so doing relocate the pipe to adjacent to the City's right-of-way.

Hayes McCoy, applicant's Civil Engineer, presented an overview of the proposed development, highlighting the complete public street connection to Northwest Way before any housing was constructed, that the pipeline would be owned and maintained by COID, and that the multi-use pathway would be adjacent to the pipeline, not over the pipeline.

Further questions from the Commission were addressed clarifying the townhome lots would have a 20-ft easement on the western edge where the pipeline was located which the owner would be able to landscape, but there were some limitations. It was clarified the townhomes along Northwest Way were required to have the front elevation facing towards Northwest Way.

Vice Chair Schultz opened the public comment period.

Mike Bolander said he was okay with losing his view for the needs of housing and that his main questions had been answered. He posed further questions about the current ditch, noise from construction, and the new road going into the subdivision.

Tammy Rice asked how filling in the big easement along the back would affect her property and what the timeline was in terms of build-out and phases. Vice Chair Shultz said the applicant's record in the plan was available to the public. Ms. Rice also asked about a bond requiring the property be finished.

Mike Hinton asked if the lots being built directly behind the current homes were up for sale, as he would like to buy the lot behind his house if possible.

Seeing no further comments, Vice Chair Schultz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Rogers and Vice Chair Schultz addressed Redmond's growth and the importance of building housing.

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Rogers moved to recommend the Redmond City Council approve the Pacific Star Estates project subject to the conditions presented in the Staff report and the two modifications presented by the Staff, seconded by Commissioner Kuhn. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Next Meeting – July 17, 2024

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

[This item was not addressed.]

VII. ADJOURN

With no further business, Vice Chair Schultz adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

APPROVED by the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission and SIGNED by me this _____ day
of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Ben Schimmoller
Chair

_____/s/_____
Kyle Roberts
Planning Director

FINDINGS FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE REDMOND CITY CODE, CHAPTER 8 (DEVELOPMENT CODE)

HEARING DATE: July 17, 2024, 5:30 PM, Redmond City Hall Council Chambers and via digital conference (GoTo Meeting)

HEARINGS BODY: Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission

FILE NUMBER: 711-24-000126-TA

FILE NAME: Redmond Development Code Text Amendment

REQUEST: A Legislative Amendment to the Redmond City Code, Chapter 8 (Development Code) to Improve Implementation of Landscaping Standards

APPLICANT: City of Redmond

REVIEWING STAFF: Kyle Roberts, AICP, Planning Director

I. BACKGROUND

Summary:

The Redmond Development Code (RDC) is the primary mechanism to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan, regulate zoning, growth and development, land use activity, and other City policies related to Great Neighborhood Principles. As a living document, periodic amendments to the RDC are needed to adapt to changing conditions, comply with Comprehensive Plan policies, new state legislation, or simply to improve administration of provisions within the code. Code amendments touch on many different aspects of the community, livability and have significant implications regarding providing certainty, flexibility and modernization of regulations all at the same time.

In 2023, the RDC underwent a substantial amendment. A significant portion of the amendments included changes to the landscaping provisions of the RDC. This entailed a reorganization of the standards to improve implementation as well as incorporating language aimed at reducing outdoor water usage. Shortly after the new standards went into effect, issues arose. Generally, applicants expressed frustration with challenges associated with understanding and complying with the new standards. As a result, staff has experienced an increase in time reviewing landscaping plans and working with applicants.

This proposed amendment to the landscaping standards in the Development Code was initiated legislatively by the City. The findings and supporting materials demonstrate the proposed text amendment is consistent with the Statewide Planning Goals, the Comprehensive Plan, and RDC Section 8.760 (Amendments). The four criteria set forth in Section 8.760 are addressed herein, as well as applicable state laws and requirements.

Proposal:

The request is for a legislative amendment to create a temporary "fix" to the landscaping provisions of the Development Code. The amendment will ease implementation of the standards by allowing for some flexibility, which will reduce frustration, review times, and keep projects flowing. Importantly, staff intends to revisit the landscaping standards and propose more holistic refinements as part of a planned code amendment package focused on housing, slated to begin later this year.

The proposed amendment modifies the existing deviation provision of the landscaping code to allow the applicant, rather than only a certified landscape architect, the ability to request a deviation from any of the standards. The applicant must provide justification for the request in writing.

Exhibits:

The proposed amendment to the landscaping provisions of the RDC is contained in Exhibit A and is attached hereto:

Exhibit A – Revisions to RDC Sections 8.520 and 8.530

Noticing:

Noticing for the first evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 17, 2024, was noticed as follows:

- Per ORS 197.610, a notice of proposed change to an implementing regulation and zoning map amendment was submitted to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) on June 6, 2024.
- Per Section 8.1110 of the Redmond Development Code, a public hearing notice for the July 17th Planning Commission hearing was published in the *Bend Bulletin* on July 5, 2024.

Applicable Criteria:

The following are the applicable sections from the Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules, and the Redmond Development Code:

- Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) – Chapter 197
- Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), Chapter 660:
 - Division 15, Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines
- City of Redmond Development Code:
 - Article I – Zoning Standards
 - Section 8.760: Criteria for Amendments

II. FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

Findings:

Redmond Development Code, Article I – Zoning Standards: Amendments: Sections 8.750 through 8.770 set forth the procedure and standards for an amendment to the text of the Redmond Development Code. Specifically, Section 8.760 sets forth the four review criteria that must be met when evaluating amendment requests. Findings for each criterion are presented below.

8.760 Criteria for Amendments. The burden of proof is upon the applicant. The applicant shall show the proposed change is:

1. In conformity with all applicable State statutes;

FINDING: The following State statutes apply directly to this application:

ORS 197.610, *Submission of proposed comprehensive plan or land use regulation changes to Department of Land Conservation and Development*

ORS 197.797, *Local quasi-judicial land use hearings; notice requirements; hearing procedures*

ORS 197.610 requires local jurisdictions to submit proposed comprehensive plan or land use regulation changes to Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Notice of the proposed implementing amendments to the Redmond Development Code (RDC) has been provided to DLCD more than 35 days in advance of the first evidentiary hearing concerning the amendments.

ORS 197.797 sets forth noticing requirements. The applicable RDC standards that address amendment and legislative procedures and noticing requirements (i.e., Sections 8.750-8.770 and 8.1100-8.1125) were developed in compliance with the applicable State statute regarding noticing and public hearings. The relevant findings, incorporated by reference herein, show compliance with the aforementioned statutes.

Notice of the proposed text amendment has been advertised in the local newspaper (public notice) as required by the RDC and State statute. Regarding statutory public hearing requirements, this proposal is legislative and not quasi-judicial. Sections 8.1100 through 8.1125 of the RDC implement the quasi-judicial statutory requirements in similar fashion and have been met. The Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission and City Council's public hearing and review processes meet the statutory requirements for the purpose of the review.

Based on the above discussion and finding, staff concludes that the proposed amendment complies with criterion #1.

2. In conformity with the State-wide planning goals whenever they are determined to be applicable;

FINDING: The following State-wide planning goals have been determined to apply directly to this application:

Goal 1 – Citizen Involvement - calls for the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process. The Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission serves as the City's formal citizen advisory commission to fulfill Goal 1 and is made up of Redmond area residents.

The agenda for the Planning Commission public hearing, where and when the proposed amendments are discussed, were provided in accordance with law. All documents were available for public review. Public notice advertising the July 17th public hearing was published in the *Bend Bulletin*.

Goal 2 – Land Use Planning – requires establishing a land use planning process and policy framework as a basis for all decisions and actions related to use of land and to assure an adequate factual base for such decisions and actions.

The proposed amendment will ease implementation of the challenging landscaping standards by allowing for some flexibility, which will reduce review times and keep projects flowing.

Goal 3 – Agricultural Lands – is not applicable because there are no agricultural lands in the city limits.

Goal 4 – Forest Lands – is not applicable because there are no forest lands in the city limits.

Goal 5 – Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces – is not applicable because the proposed amendments do not affect any regulation that implements Goal 5 and the City's acknowledged regulations implementing Goal 5 remain in effect with no change in applicability.

Goal 6 – Air, Water, and Land Resources Quality – is not applicable because the City's acknowledged regulations implementing Goal 6 remain in effect with no change in applicability.

Goal 7 – Areas Subject to Natural Hazards – is not applicable because the City's acknowledged regulations implementing Goal 7 remain in effect with no change in applicability.

Goal 8 – Recreational Needs – requires the City to satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of the state and visitors and, where appropriate, to provide for the siting of necessary recreational facilities

including destination resorts. This goal is not applicable as the amendments have no effect on the availability of or access to recreational opportunities.

Goal 9 – Economic Development – requires the City to plan and zone enough land to meet the community's projected commercial and industrial needs. The City adopted an Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) in 2020. This document serves as the City's compliance document under Goal 9, OAR 660-009-0015, and ORS 197.712. Strategies identified in the EOA carried over as economic development goals and policies outlined in Chapter 9 of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The proposed code amendment do not have a direct impact on the EOA or the economic development goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Goal 10 – Housing – provides for the housing needs of citizens of the state. The City adopted a Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) in 2019. This document serves as the City's compliance document under Goal 10, OAR Chapter 660, Division 008, and ORS 197.296(3). This report concludes that Redmond should plan to accommodate development of 6,963 new dwelling units over the next 20 years in order to house the projected population growth. As there is a great need for housing in Redmond, this code amendment will help reduce review times associated with reviewing residential landscaping plans for compliance.

Goal 11 – Public Facilities and Services – requires the City to plan and develop a timely, orderly, and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for urban and rural development. As growth occurs, frequent updates are made to public facility master plans, pertinent reports, and documents. As such, in 2022, the City adopted an updated Water Master Plan, which included a water management and conservation plan as an element of the master plan. This proposed code amendment maintains the landscaping standards adopted last year that were intended, in part, to reduce outdoor water usage.

Goal 12 – Transportation – requires the City to provide and encourage a safe and convenient and economic transportation system. Per OAR 660-012-0060, the proposed amendments will have no impact on an existing or planned transportation facility.

Goal 13 – Energy Conservation – is not applicable because the City's acknowledged regulations implementing Goal 13 remain in effect with no change in applicability.

Goal 14 – Urbanization – requires the City to provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use, to accommodate urban population and urban employment inside urban growth boundaries, to ensure efficient use of land, and to provide for livable communities. The proposed amendments do not encourage uncoordinated development, sprawl, or lower targeted densities. The management of the City's land use inventories is unaffected by this amendment.

Goal 15 – Willamette River Greenway – is not applicable to the city of Redmond.

Goal 16 – Estuarine Resources – is not applicable to the city of Redmond.

Goal 17 – Coastal Shorelands – is not applicable to the city of Redmond.

Goal 18 – Beaches and Dunes – is not applicable to the city of Redmond.

Goal 19 – Ocean Resources – is not applicable to the city of Redmond.

Based on the above discussion and finding, the proposed amendment is consistent with the statewide planning goals and therefore complies with criterion #2.

3. In conformity with the Redmond Comprehensive Plan, land use requirements and policies; and

FINDING: The Redmond Comprehensive Plan is the official land use policy statement of the Redmond City Council. The City frequently reviews and updates the RDC to try and ensure it is aligned with the Comprehensive Plan. Given the relatively small scale proposed RDC text amendment, only a couple Comprehensive Plan policies have direct relevance.

Chapter 1 of the Comprehensive Plan identifies goals and policies that pertain to citizen involvement and engagement. Goal 1 of the chapter states: “Ensure that Redmond’s Comprehensive Plan, implementation tools, and administration procedures build on the community’s vision for the future and align with regional, state, and federal plans and regulations.” The RDC serves as the major implementation mechanism of the Comprehensive Plan. Amendments to the RDC create greater alignment with the Comprehensive Plan that contribute to advancing the community’s vision for the future.

Chapter 5 of the Comprehensive Plan identifies goals and policies that address the protection of open spaces, scenic and historic areas, and natural resources in Redmond. Policy 5-2-1 identifies the need to “[S]upport water conservation efforts within the Deschutes Basin to meet the water needs for rivers and communities today and into the future.” The proposed text amendment is needed to help facilitate implementation of the current landscaping standards that focus on reducing outdoor water usage.

Staff concludes that the proposed amendment is consistent with the applicable Redmond Comprehensive Plan goals and policies.

4. That there is a change of circumstances, further studies justifying the amendment or mistake in the original zoning.

FINDING: This text amendment is necessary to provide for some flexibility with the implementation of recently adopted landscaping standards that have proven difficult to implement and have resulted in increased review times. Staff concludes that the need to address this change in circumstance via the proposed text amendment complies with criterion #4.

EXHIBIT A

Sec. 8.520. Landscape Plan Standards.

1. *Applicability.* A landscape plan is required for proposal which includes any of the following:
 - A. New housing.
 - B. Development subject to Article IV Site and Design review.
 - C. Planned Unit Development.
 - D. New wireless broadcast communication facilities, as described in Section 8.415.
2. *Contents.* A landscape plan need not be prepared by a certified landscape architect ~~unless deviations from the Landscape Design Standards of Section 8.530 are proposed. In all cases~~ However, a landscape plan must include the following to be considered complete:
 - A. *Existing Landscaping.* The existing landscaping diagram shall depict the location of existing natural features and vegetation on the subject property and adjacent right-of-way areas. Any tree with a diameter of ten inches as measured at three feet above natural grade or greater shall be clearly labeled as a significant tree; smaller trees need not be depicted. Any tree that is shown on the plan shall be identified as coniferous or deciduous and whether the tree(s) is proposed to be retained or removed as part of the development.
 - B. *Proposed Landscaping.* The proposed landscaping diagram shall depict the location of the vegetation, soil preparations, and irrigation for the subject property and adjacent right-of-way areas and shall be shown in relation to proposed in relation to any provided improvements, including building footprints, frontage improvements, and utility infrastructure. Additionally, the landscape plan must identify the total required landscaping area, as required by Section 8.530(2.), in square feet.
 1. *Vegetation.* The species, native or non-native status, and corresponding water use category ~~(very low, low, moderate, high, other)~~ as identified in the Oregon State University Extension Office Water-Wise Gardening in Central Oregon Guide, revised June 2020, shall be depicted. The installation size, if applicable, of all vegetation shall be identified. For any tree proposed to be retained, a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) complying with the Public Works Standards and Specifications shall also be depicted. All required replacement trees shall be clearly labeled.
 2. *Soil Preparation.* The type of amendments or treatments to the soil shall be depicted.
 3. *Irrigation.* The method of irrigation proposed for use, including all points of connection and the system components (meters, valves, backflow, quick couplers, blow out ports, main and lateral lines, sprinkler layout, etc.) shall be depicted.

(Ord. No. 2023-07, 12-19-2023)

Sec. 8.530. Landscape Design Standards.

1. *Applicability.* Except where conflicting with the City of Remond Public Works Standards and Specifications, these landscaping design standards apply to any proposal which includes any of the following:
 - A. New housing.
 - B. Development subject to Article IV Site and Design review.
 - C. Planned Unit Development.

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- D. New wireless broadcast communication facilities, as described in Section 8.415.
2. *Minimum Landscaping.* In all zones, the entirety of the unsurfaced yard area between the main building and any public or private street frontage shall be landscaped. Industrial and public zoned properties shall also be required to provide a ten ~~inches-foot~~ landscape buffer wherever such property directly abuts a residential zoned property, inclusive of structures. Additionally, any hillsides, berms, or other areas with a slope greater than ten percent that are disturbed during development shall be revegetated to prevent erosion and dust.
3. *Water Features.* Required landscaping areas shall not include water features such as fountains, waterfalls, pools, ponds, or year-round standing water collection sites. Canals, approved water drainage facilities, or naturally occurring water features are exempt.
4. *Irrigation Systems.* Irrigation shall be provided to allow for healthy plant growth. All irrigation shall be subject to the following:
- A. Water used for irrigation shall not be permitted to water or run-off onto hard surfaces, such as paved driveways, sidewalks, streets, and other non-vegetated areas. Except for the irrigation water needed to maintain vegetation within an abutting right-of-way, water shall not be allowed to leave the subject property.
 - B. Trees shall only be irrigated with point-source irrigation such as drip irrigation, bubblers, and tree watering bags.
 - C. Automatic irrigation systems shall not be allowed without soil-moisture or weather-based irrigation controllers with accompanying sensors and other supporting devices installed to enable smart features.
5. *Soil.* Soils shall be amended to allow for healthy plant growth and water absorption. Prior to planting, soils shall be made friable by incorporating an organic soil amendment into, at minimum, the top two inches of soil. Additionally, mulch shall be applied to non-vegetated or uncovered areas at a depth of two inches. Both organic and inorganic mulches are allowed, however inorganic mulches are subject to additional standards described in this Section. An applicant may submit documentation from a certified landscape architect or soils scientist demonstrating that a different soil treatment that does not comply with this standard is necessary.
6. *Landscape Features.* Required landscaping areas shall feature trees, shrubs, and live ground covers in combination, and shall not contain invasive species, exposed dirt, or dead vegetation. Non-structural hardscaping, such as boulders, pavers, walkways, courtyards, artificial turf, inorganic mulches and similar are acceptable as a landscaping feature but must not occupy more than 25 percent of required landscaped areas. Wherever inorganic mulches, including all types of rock groundcovers or mulches, are used, they shall not be used in sections exceeding 20 square feet in size, nor shall any section be closer than ten feet to any other section on the property.
- Excluding permissible irrigated turf areas, required landscaped areas must be landscaped only with species which are identified as low or very low water use in the Oregon State University Extension Office Water-Wise Gardening in Central Oregon Guide, revised June 2020. Plant species that do not require irrigation once established are preferred over species that require continued irrigation. Approved water drainage facilities may feature moderate water-use plant species.
7. *Irrigated Turf.* This standard applies to all irrigated turf except when used in approved active-style park areas or for recreational purposes within designated common areas. For non-residential zoned properties, not more than 20 percent of the required landscaped area may be landscaped with irrigated turf. For residential zoned properties, not more than 25 percent of the required landscaped area may be landscaped with irrigated turf. Additionally, irrigated turf areas are also subject to the following in all zones:
- A. The minimum dimension of any irrigated turf area shall not be less than ten feet.

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- B. Irrigated turf shall not be planted in areas with a slope greater than 10 percent.
 - C. When planting irrigated turf areas, seed mixes used shall not contain more than 25 percent cool season grass species.
8. *Trees.* All trees shall have a 1.5 inch trunk diameter as measured at three feet above natural grade at the time of planting. Existing trees with a ten inch trunk diameter as measured at three feet above natural grade or greater are considered to be significant and shall be preserved to the greatest extent possible. Significant trees that are able to be preserved shall be provided with a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) in compliance with the Public Works Standards and Specifications to protect the tree during development of the subject property.
- A. Where preservation is not feasible, significant trees shall be replaced at a 'one-to-one' ratio, inclusive of new street trees adjacent to the subject property.
 - B. Street trees shall comply with Section 8.540 Street Tree Standards.
9. *Installation and Maintenance.* All landscaping installation, including street trees, shall be completed prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. All landscaping shall be continuously maintained and replaced when necessary to ensure continued compliance with an approved landscape plan. Additionally, street trees shall be maintained in accordance with the standards listed in Section 3.600 of the Redmond City Code. For landscaping valued in excess of \$5,000.00, a maintenance bond may be required.
10. *Deviation and Payment In Lieu.* The Community Development Director or designee ~~retains the discretion to~~may:
- A. Approve a deviation from any of the standards of this Section without requiring a variance when the deviation is proposed by ~~a certified landscape architect~~the applicant. Reasoning for the requested deviation must be explained in writing.
 - B. Establish a fee in lieu per tree where the property is not physically feasible to replace tree(s). The fee will be specified in the City Fee Schedule.

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