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**REDMOND URBAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

**City Hall – Conference Room A**  
**716 SW Evergreen Avenue**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012,**  
**6:30 PM**

**Agenda**

<b>UAPC Members</b>	
Eric Porter, Chair	<b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>
Will Van Vactor, Vice Chair	<b>II. CITIZEN COMMENTS</b>
Tory Allman	<b>III. WORK SESSION –</b>  <b>a. Proposed Development Code Amendments, Section 8.3035(4)(E) – Site and Design Review Standards for Multi-family Dwellings, Complexes-Amendments (Exhibit 1)</b>  <b>b. Discussion of 2012 Work Plan. (Exhibit 2)</b>
Bob Bleile	<b>IV. COUNCIL LIASON COMMENTS (if present)</b>
Stan Clark	<b>V. STAFF COMMENTS</b>
Anne Graham	<b>VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS</b>
Katie McDonald	<b>VII. ADJOURN</b>

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## EXHIBIT 1

**DATE:** February 7, 2012  
**TO:** Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission  
**FROM:** James J. Lewis, Senior Planner, Long Range/Economic Planning  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the Text of the Redmond Development Code – Site and Design Review Standards for Multi-Family Dwellings and Complexes - Work Session

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### **Report in Brief:**

This is a third work session to discuss proposed development code amendments to Section 8.3035 (4)(E) of the Redmond City Code, Site and Design Review Standards, for Multi-Family Dwellings and Complexes. The changes being considered primarily include the existing requirements for: setbacks and required yards; distances between buildings; and, general design guidelines.

Two attachments have been provided as a reference:

Attachment A shows proposed changes and additions to the existing code. Since staff is recommending reorganizing the sequence of code elements, Attachment B has been provided as a clean copy of the proposed code in entirety without tracking changes to the existing code for clarity.

### **Background:**

The Development Code requirements for multi-family dwellings and complexes include specific dimensional requirements for separation between individual buildings, and buildings and the adjoining development on adjacent lots, which are based on the overall height and number of stories that are proposed for individual buildings. The intent of the requirements is to mitigate the potential impacts of the massing and scale of multi-family buildings, with the resulting development providing a degree of architectural compatibility (i.e. good design), and opportunities for privacy and open space for residents of the proposed development and on adjoining lots.

Recent proposals for multi-family development have shown that the intent of the standards as described above (intended for public benefit) have proven challenging with regard to efficient use of land and meeting intended densities. Prospective developers have indicated that even though the intent of the requirements is valid, the standards as written make such development impractical as it results in an inefficient use of land and does not allow necessary densities to be met. Thus, the multi-family development projects approved over the past few years have included variances to the development standards in one form or another to provide the intended mitigation while also allowing for practical development patterns. The requirements creating the most difficulty include:

Attachments: Attachment A – Proposed changes to the existing code – tracking additions, deletions and restructuring  
Attachment B – Proposed draft code

- Requirement for second and third story setbacks of 25 feet from adjoining single-family residential lots (greater than 15 feet required for the first floor);
- Requirements for second, third and fourth stories to be no more than 80% of the building footprint with a 4 foot setback from the vertical plane of the first floor; and,
- Requirement for a separation between buildings equal to one half of the sum of the height of both buildings.
- Minimum open space requirements that do not include any provisions for design to ensure that the area is “useable.”

Although the overall mass and scale of the individual structures is reduced when employing the requirements strictly as written, the resulting development is not necessarily architecturally interesting or attractive. Rather, the prescriptive design requirements can result in static architectural patterns in the community. The combination of the building separation requirements, the upper floor setback distances and floor size restrictions, result in designs that have an inefficient use of land and does not necessarily provide useable open space. Thus, these arbitrary standards do not result in attractive designs for the community and ultimately prevent many projects from being economically feasible.

The past development approvals, with variances to the standards as written, have allowed the City to maintain the original intent of the standards to achieve good design and mitigation of potential development impacts, while also allowing for efficient use of land and meeting desired densities. However, the permitting process (with the variance process included) is cumbersome and is responsive to proposed designs rather than streamlined and affirmative in the intent. The result is an unpredictable development pattern for the City, the residents and the property owners.

At the Planning Commission meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the specific issues listed above were discussed. At the meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Commission discussed specific issues related to: water and service requirements; City participation in administering covenants conditions and restrictions through homeowners associations; the viability of various multi-family development types; and, density issues. The Planning Commission explained that they understand the intent of the existing Development Code provisions, but also realize the practical difficulties encountered by staff and prospective developers when applying them to a particular site. Staff conveyed to the Planning Commission the idea of revising the standards to achieve the same overall intent, but to minimize the practical difficulties that have been encountered. The attached draft Development Code amendments are in response to the Planning Commission request.

### **Discussion:**

The attached draft amendments would be included in the Site and Design Review section of the Development Code. They are intended to replace the existing standards – copies of the existing Development Code standards and the proposed draft amendments are attached. However, this does not mean that all provision of the existing code are proposed to be eliminated. Some provisions were retained and reworded, and incorporated into the draft document.

**Primary Amendments** – The primary amendments include:

#### **Eliminating the requirements for:**

- Second and third story setbacks of 25 feet from adjoining single-family residential lots; and,
- Separation between buildings equal to one half of the sum of the height of both buildings.

#### **Altering the requirements for:**

- Vehicular and bicycle parking

- Trash and mechanical area design, storage areas and common open space – adding specificity; and;
- Special yards

**Adding new requirements for:**

- Building orientation (primary entrances) toward the public street or common area;
- Recesses/extensions/offsets along continuous building elevations at specific distances;
- Doors, porches, balconies or windows (openings in walls) along building elevations visible from public rights of way;
- Multiple architectural features added to all building elevations;
- Specificity regarding exterior building finishes and materials; and,
- Private open space design.

The proposed amendments are intended to rectify the difficulties in administering the code as described above. Further, they are intended to provide more affirmative action toward the designs the City of Redmond desires with multi-family development rather than being reactive in its approach. The intent is to still minimize the adverse impacts of mass and scale, but doing so in a more architecturally complete manner that also allows flexibility to the developer. The resulting development will be compatible with existing single family and multi-family development in the R4 and R5 zones, will provide a more efficient use of land, and a more viable and livable product for the developer, the future residents and the community in general.

Reformatting of Code – The existing multi-family development standards are included in multiple sections of the Development Code (Off-Street Parking and Loading section, Site and Design Review section, Residential Use Zone section). Thus, the format is awkward to use in that the references to multiple sections provides opportunity to overlook various development requirements. The attached draft code incorporates these multiple section requirements into this sole subsection for ease of use.

Planning Commission Direction – Staff is seeking further direction from the Planning Commission regarding the proposed draft amendments, as compared to the existing Development Code standards. Through direct discussion of the proposed amendments at the work session, Staff is desirous of moving forward with refining new code text which eliminates the current problems and directs (in a positive manner) the type of development that will be beneficial to the community.

Public Hearing – A public hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

**Alternative Courses of Action:**

Continue to work with Staff to revise the draft text through work sessions while also beginning the public involvement process (establishing a public review timeline, public and agency notice). A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2012 for this proposal.

**Recommendation/Suggested Motion:**

Not applicable.

James J. Lewis, Senior Planner, Long Range/Economic Planning

## Attachment A:

### Article IV, Site and Design Review Standards – Development Code Amendments: Multi Family Dwellings and Complexes (Section 8.3035(4)(E))

**Development Code Amendments** (new text is **red**; deleted text is ~~strikethrough~~, unless otherwise stated):

**8.3035 Design Review Criteria.** Prior to issuance of a building permit, the following applicable criteria shall be met.

1. Installation of Utilities. All new service lines and relocated transmission lines shall be placed underground. Existing overhead transmission lines or utility lines shall be relocated underground unless otherwise approved by the CDD Director, City Engineer, or Hearings Body.
2. Right-of-Way Dedication & Public Improvements. Adequate right-of-way dedication and improvements to streets, alleys, sidewalks, bikeways and other public ways shall be provided by the Owner that conform to City of Redmond adopted Transportation Plan, Transportation Impact Analysis & Access Management Standards, Public Works Standards & Specification and the local service street policies, including the grid policy. In lieu of actual construction of improvements, the City may choose to accept financial payment, contribution, other approved security or agreement for the purpose of providing the needed improvements. The City may require that no building permit be issued until public improvements are completed; this shall be clearly identified (if applicable) within the Site Improvement Agreement.
3. Neighborhood Compatibility. This standard shall not apply to any development that also requires a conditional use permit;
  - A. The proposal will be consistent with applicable zoning standards.
  - B. The location, size, design, and physical characteristics of the proposal (such as setbacks, height, position of structure on the site) will have minimal adverse impact on the livability or value of abutting properties.
  - C. The project will not exceed the operational capacity of public facilities and which are required to serve the development unless the City Engineer determines that sufficient capacity can be provided. The capacity of public facilities and services shall be based primarily on the City's Water and Wastewater Master Plan and the Transportation System Plan.
4. Architectural Requirements.
  - A. Architectural theme. A specific architectural theme is required for any structure that is a candidate for Site and Design review. The theme used shall be carried out completely in the design and not mixed with conflicting themes. The theme used shall be consistent with all buildings on the subject site.
  - B. False front design. A false front design of a building shall be avoided, except for the Downtown (C-2) Commercial District.
  - C. Historical Buildings. Compliance with the preservation of historic buildings and sites pursuant to section 8.0855 and 8.0860 where applicable.
  - D. Commercial buildings.
    1. Commercial Building Orientation. The City may require the applicant to position commercial buildings to have their architectural orientation toward the primary focal point on the site (typically the higher ordered street). However, the City may also require the applicant to orient the

building in any position on the site if the perceived focal point is internal to the site. At no time shall unbroken spans of side or rear walls of buildings be visible from any street without architectural treatments and screening added. Orientation of the building shall consider compatibility with neighboring structures in terms of setbacks, height of building, architectural treatment, and entrances of neighboring buildings.

2. Commercial buildings shall comply with the City’s access policies regarding vehicle access and provide adequate pedestrian ways to safely navigate the parking areas and to connect to the public sidewalks. Adequate internal vehicle access shall be designed to minimize or eliminate vehicle/vehicle or vehicle/pedestrian conflicts.
3. Drive-up windows and drive-throughs should be oriented away from the principle street.

E. Multi-Family Dwellings and Complexes.

~~1. There shall be no window-to-adjoining-window alignment when adjoining buildings are less than 60' apart.~~

~~(Note: Relocated to Section 8.3035(4)(E)(8))~~

1. **Density Standards.** The following residential densities shall apply to multi-family dwellings and complexes:

- a. **General Residential (R4) Zone** – A minimum of 4.0 units per acre and a maximum of 14.5 units per acre.
- b. **High density residential (R5) Zone** – A minimum of 8.0 units per acre and a maximum of 17.4 units per acre.

~~2. Unbroken or continuous building spans greater than 32' in length (including roof lines) are not permitted. At least three architectural features shall be added to buildings more than 32' in length. Choices of these required features include (but are not limited to) oriel or bay windows, trellises, staggered roof heights or pitches, cupolas, decorative trim, and stone or brick embellishments. The developer may choose a different architectural feature subject to the approval by the Community Development Director.~~

2. **Table A. Minimum Standards.** The following minimum standards apply in each of the Residential zones as follows.

<b>Standard:</b>	<b>R-4</b>	<b>R-5</b>
<b>Minimum Lot size - Square Feet</b>		
Multi-family Dwelling	7,500/2 units	7,500/2 units
add per unit	1,250	1,250
Multi-family Complex	7,500+	7,500+
Studio add per additional unit	750	250
1 Bedroom add per add'l unit	1,000	500
2 Bedroom add per add'l unit	1,500	1,000
3 Bedroom add per add'l unit	2,250	1,550
4 Bedroom add per add'l unit	2,500	1,850
<b>Maximum Density (1 unit per # s.f.)</b>	3,000	2,500
<b>Minimum Setback Distance</b> <sup>(A)</sup>		
Front	15	15

Side	15	15
Rear	20	15
Garage	20	20
<b>Maximum Building Height</b>	40	40
<b>Off Street Parking</b>		
Multi-Family Dwelling (3 & 4 D.U.'s)	2 sp. / D.U.	2 sp. / D.U.
Multi-Family Complex (over 4 D.U.'s)	2 sp. / D.U. + 1 sp. / Mgr. + 1 sp. / 5 D.U.'s	2 sp. / D.U. + 1 sp. / Mgr. + 1 sp. / 5 D.U.'s

(A) Does not include solar setbacks which are calculated separately

~~3. Lining up two or more residential buildings in even rows is prohibited. Buildings shall be located so they enclose spaces and so that views from within buildings are oriented to landscaped courts or recreation areas wherever feasible.~~

3. **Building Orientation.** All buildings facing a public street right of way shall have a primary entrance oriented to the public street. Additional primary entrances, if provided, or, in cases where buildings are internal to the development and do not front on the public street right of way, shall be oriented to a private common area (common areas include: private streets, courtyards or open spaces). A hard surfaced pedestrian sidewalk or pathway connecting the building entrances to the public street right of way shall be provided.

~~4. There shall be no outdoor storage of furniture, tools, equipment, building materials or supplies belonging to the occupants or management of the complex. All multifamily developments shall provide for storage of furniture, tools, equipment, building materials or supplies belonging to the occupants or management of the complex. Each dwelling shall have its own storage area, which shall be securable. Storage areas may be indoor such as attached or detached garages, or within specific areas that are internal to each dwelling unit. Storage areas may also be within outdoor structures such as within a carport or a separate storage building on premises. The City may exempt or reduce the storage space requirement for "specialty housing" such as housing for the elderly or for housing for long-term infirm care. (Note: Relocated and rewritten to Section 8.3035(4)(E)(15))~~

4. **Building Form.** The continuous horizontal distance (i.e., as measured from end-wall to end-wall) of individual buildings (including buildings with multiple dwelling units) shall not exceed 90 lineal feet, unless part of a Master Plan development which may permit a maximum length of 120 feet. In order to preclude large expanses of uninterrupted building surfaces, each floor of the building shall include at least two of the following features within every 30 lineal feet or portion thereof along all elevations of the structure:

- a. Recess (e.g., deck, patio, courtyard, entrance or similar feature) that has a minimum depth of 4 feet;

- b. Extension (e.g., floor area, deck, patio, entrance or similar feature) that projects a minimum of 2 feet and runs horizontally for a minimum length of 4 feet; and/or
- c. Offsets or breaks in roof elevation of 2 feet or greater in height.

Notwithstanding the above standards, all building elevations visible from a public street right-of way shall provide doors, porches, balconies, and/or windows. The standard applies to each full and partial building story.

~~5. All roadways and parking areas shall be paved and roadways shall not be less than 20 feet in width.~~

5. Detailed Architectural Features. All buildings shall provide detailed design along all elevations (e.g., front, rear and sides). Detailed design requires use of at least five of the following architectural features on all front and exterior side (corner lot) elevations and at least three of the following architectural features on all interior and rear yard elevations, at a minimum of every 30 lineal feet of horizontal wall or portion thereof. Architectural features shall be varied on the different building elevations. The standard applies to each full and partial building story.

- a. Dormers
- b. Gables
- c. Recessed entries
- d. Covered porch entries
- e. Cupolas or towers
- f. Pillars or posts
- g. Eaves (minimum 6-inch projection)
- h. Off-sets in building face or roof (minimum 16 inches)
- i. Window trim on all windows on the facade
- j. Bay or oriel windows
- k. Balconies
- l. Decorative patterns on exterior finishes (e.g., scales/shingles, wainscoting, ornamentation, and similar features)
- m. Decorative cornices and roof lines (e.g., for flat roofs)
- n. An alternative feature providing visual relief and detail, similar to options a-m above, may be approved through the development review process.

~~6. No parking shall be permitted on any common or shared driveways or private drives less than 28' in width.~~

*(Note: Relocated and rewritten to Section 8.3035(4)(E)(16))*

6. Exterior Finish. The exterior finish on all vertical surfaces shall be comprised primarily of materials such as masonry/wood lap siding, shingles, brick or stucco. The use of sheet metal, plywood, T1-11 siding, smooth face cinder block and other similar materials is not permitted. Textured cinder blocks may be permitted on side and rear facades, but shall not exceed 40% of the total exterior wall area of the ground/bottom floor.

~~7. All second or third stories of any multiple family dwelling or complex shall be setback 25 feet from the property line of an abutting single family or duplex residential dwelling or lot. Single story multiple family dwellings or complexes shall be set back no less than 15 feet from the property line of an abutting single family or duplex residential dwelling or lot. The Hearings Body may approve setbacks adjacent to single family or duplex residential dwellings or lots to be reduced to the minimum yard setback allowed in the zone if the design mitigates impacts to adjacent properties.~~

7. Building Mass and Scale. Third and fourth stories of multifamily dwellings and complexes, and/or all portions of the structure above 20 feet in height, in residential zones shall occupy no more than 80% of the building footprint area (ground floor), and shall have walls set back no less than 4 feet from the continuous vertical plane created by the walls of the first floor, excluding design and architectural features such as recessions, extensions (i.e. decks, covered entries, windows, doors).  
(Note: Relocated from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(10))

~~8. All new multifamily dwellings and complexes shall be set back no less than 15' (fifteen feet) from any adjacent residential dwelling or use as measured from the property line to the foundation of the new building. A sight obscuring fence or evergreen hedge may be required by the Hearings Body when in its judgment such screening is necessary to preserve the values of nearby properties, protect the aesthetic character of the neighborhood or vicinity, and to provide security for occupants of the subject complex.~~  
(Note: Relocated from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(14))

8. Building Alignment. There shall be no window to adjoining window alignment when adjacent buildings are less than 30 feet apart.  
(Note: Relocated from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(1))

~~9. Covered bicycle parking facilities shall be provided.~~  
(Note: Relocated and rewritten to Section 8.3035(4)(E)(17))

9. Trash Receptacles. A common trash enclosure shall be required and is subject to the following standards.

- a. Trash enclosures shall be oriented away from adjacent residences and shall be screened.
- b. Trash enclosures shall be accessible to trash pick-up vehicles.
- c. Trash enclosures, a minimum of six-feet in height, shall be constructed of solid, durable and attractive walls, with solid screen doors and shall be visually consistent with project architecture.
- d. A minimum two (2) foot irrigated and landscaped perimeter shall be provided around the enclosure (excepting door entries).
- e. Enclosure areas shall contain sufficient space to accommodate both waste disposal and recycling containers adequate to accommodate the degree of development. Documentation from the applicable trash collection company shall indicate that the

area and type of container(s) will be adequate to accommodate the amount of refuse that is anticipated to be generated on a ordinary basis.

~~10. Second, third and fourth stories of multifamily dwellings and complexes in residential zones shall occupy no more than 80% of the building footprint area (ground floor), and shall be set back no less than 4 feet from the vertical plane created by the first floor.  
(Note: Relocated to Section 8.3035(4)(E)(7))~~

10. Mechanical Equipment. External mechanical equipment, such as heating or cooling equipment, pumps or generators, that is located on the ground or on the roof of buildings, must be entirely screened from view by sight obscuring walls, fences, parapets or other similar means consistent with the overall architecture of the development. Landscaping is not an acceptable alternative for such screening as specified herein. Screening shall be compliant with all applicable fire codes.

~~11. Special yards and distances between new multi family dwelling / complex buildings on a site when multiple buildings are proposed, or which will be adjacent to existing buildings having setbacks less than 10 feet from their respective property lines, shall be provided as follows:  
a. An inner court providing access to double row dwelling groups shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width.  
(Note: Relocated to Section 8.3035(4)(E)(13))  
b. Except for single family dwellings on one lot, the distance between principal buildings shall be at least one half the sum of the height of both buildings; provided, however, that in no case shall the distance be less than 12 feet. This requirement shall also apply to portions of the same buildings separated from each other by a court or other open space.~~

11. Common Open Space. A minimum of 15 percent of site area (inclusive of required setbacks but exclusive of dedicated street rights-of-way and land dedicated to other public uses like parks and schools), shall be provided as common open space and be suitable for a recreational play area, or group or community activities. However, in no case shall less than 3,000 square feet of common open space be provided. Such area shall be improved with grass, plantings, surfacing, equipment or buildings suitable for recreational use. The Hearings Body may require this area to be protected from streets, parking areas, or the like, by a fence or the equivalent. Sensitive lands and historic buildings or landmarks open to the public and designated by the Comprehensive Plan may be counted toward meeting the common open space requirements.  
(Note: Relocated and rewritten from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(13))

~~12. Multi family dwellings and complexes shall comply with the City's access policies regarding vehicle access and provide adequate~~

~~pedestrian ways to safely navigate the parking areas and to connect to the public sidewalks. Adequate internal vehicle access shall be designed to minimize or eliminate vehicle/vehicle or vehicle/pedestrian conflicts.~~

~~(Note: Relocated and rewritten to Section 8.3035(4)(E)(16))~~

12. Private Open Space. Private open space shall be required for all multi-family units based on the following standards:
  - a. Ground/bottom floor housing units shall have front or rear patios or decks at least 4 feet deep and measuring at least 48 square feet in area.
  - b. A minimum of 50% of all upper floor (second floor and above) housing units shall have balconies or porches at least 4 feet deep and measuring at least 48 square feet in area.
  - c. To the maximum extent possible, private open space areas shall be oriented toward common open space areas and away from adjacent single family residences, parking areas and driveways and trash enclosures.

- ~~13. For a multi-family dwelling complex a minimum of at least 2,500 square feet plus 150 square feet per dwelling unit shall be provided for a recreational play area, group or community activities, or common open space. Such area shall be improved with grass, plantings, surfacing, equipment or buildings suitable for recreational use. The Hearings Body may require this area to be protected from streets, parking areas, or the like, by a fence or the equivalent.~~

~~(Note: Relocated and rewritten to Section 8.3035(4)(E)(11))~~

13. Special Yards. In order to allow air circulation and light, the distance between buildings on the same lot shall be as follows:
  - a. An inner court providing access to double-row dwelling groups shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width.
  - b. The distance between principal buildings on the same lot shall be no less than 12 feet.

~~(Note: Relocated and rewritten from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(11))~~

14. Special Fencing/Landscaping. A sight obscuring fence or evergreen hedge may be required by the Hearings Body when, in its judgment, such screening is necessary to preserve the values of nearby properties, protect the aesthetic character of the neighborhood or vicinity, and to provide security for occupants of the subject complex.

~~(Note: Relocated and rewritten from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(8))~~

15. Storage. There shall be no outdoor storage of furniture, tools, equipment, building materials or supplies belonging to the occupants or management of the complex. All multifamily dwellings and complexes shall provide for storage of furniture, tools, equipment, building materials or supplies belonging to the occupants or management of the complex. Each dwelling unit shall have its one assigned storage area, which is a minimum 18 square feet, and shall be securable. Storage areas may be indoor, such as attached or detached garages, or within specific areas that are internal to each dwelling unit. Storage areas

may also be within outdoor structures such as within a separate storage building on premises. The City may exempt or reduce the storage space requirement for “specialty housing” such as housing for the elderly or for housing for long-term infirm care.

*(Note: Relocated and rewritten from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(4))*

16. Off-Street Parking. The number of off street parking spaces shall be provided in conformance with Section 8.0500 through 8.0515 of the City of Redmond Code. Multi-family dwellings and complexes shall comply with the City’s access policies regarding vehicle access and provide adequate pedestrian ways to safely navigate the parking areas and to connect to the public sidewalks. Adequate internal vehicle access shall be designed to minimize or eliminate vehicle/vehicle or vehicle/pedestrian conflicts. Off-street parking areas shall not be placed between the primary building elevations and public streets. Parallel parking shall not be permitted on any common or shared driveways or private drives less than 28’in width.

*(Note: Relocated and rewritten from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(6) and (12))*

17. Bicycle Parking. One (1) covered bicycle parking space shall be provided for every two (2) dwelling units. Covered bicycle parking spaces may be located within a garage, storage shed, basement or similar area, provided the area is not otherwise obstructed with mechanical equipment. In those instances where there is no garage or other easily accessible storage area, the bicycles shall be sheltered from sun precipitation by an independent structure specifically designed for such. Covered bicycle parking areas shall be evenly distributed throughout the development. The City may exempt or reduce the covered bicycle parking space requirement for “specialty housing” such as housing for the elderly or for housing for long-term infirm care.

*(Note: Relocated and rewritten from Section 8.3035(4)(E)(9))*

**Attachment B:**

**Article IV, Site and Design Review Standards – Development Code Amendments:  
Multi Family Dwellings and Complexes (Section 8.3035(4)(E))**

**8.3035 Design Review Criteria.** Prior to issuance of a building permit, the following applicable criteria shall be met.

E. Multi-Family Dwellings and Complexes.

1. Density Standards. The following residential densities shall apply to multi-family dwellings and complexes:

- a. General Residential (R4) Zone – A minimum of 4.0 units per acre and a maximum of 14.5 units per acre.
- b. High density residential (R5) Zone – A minimum of 8.0 units per acre and a maximum of 17.4 units per acre.

2. Table A. Minimum Standards. The following minimum standards apply in each of the Residential zones as follows.

<b>Standard:</b>	<b>R-4</b>	<b>R-5</b>
<b>Minimum Lot size - Square Feet</b>		
Multi-family Dwelling	7,500/2 units	7,500/2 units
add per unit	1,250	1,250
Multi-family Complex	7,500+	7,500+
Studio add per additional unit	750	250
1 Bedroom add per add'l unit	1,000	500
2 Bedroom add per add'l unit	1,500	1,000
3 Bedroom add per add'l unit	2,250	1,550
4 Bedroom add per add'l unit	2,500	1,850
<b>Maximum Density (1 unit per # s.f.)</b>	3,000	2,500
<b>Minimum Setback Distance <sup>(A)</sup></b>		
Front	15	15
Side	15	15
Rear	20	15
Garage	20	20
<b>Maximum Building Height</b>	40	40
<b>Off Street Parking</b>		
Multi-Family Dwelling (3 & 4 D.U.'s)	2 sp. / D.U.	2 sp. / D.U.
	2 sp. / D.U. + 1 sp. / Mgr. +	2 sp. / D.U. + 1 sp. / Mgr. +
Multi-Family Complex (over 4 D.U.'s)	1 sp. / 5 D.U.'s	1 sp. / 5 D.U.'s

(A) Does not include solar setbacks which are calculated separately
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3. Building Orientation. All buildings facing a public street right of way shall have a primary entrance oriented to the public street. Additional primary entrances, if provided, or, in cases where buildings are internal

to the development and do not front on the public street right of way, shall be oriented to a private common area (common areas include: private streets, courtyards or open spaces). A hard surfaced pedestrian sidewalk or pathway connecting the building entrances to the public street right of way shall be provided.

4. Building Form. The continuous horizontal distance (i.e., as measured from end-wall to end-wall) of individual buildings (including buildings with multiple dwelling units) shall not exceed 90 lineal feet, unless part of a Master Plan development which may permit a maximum length of 120 feet. In order to preclude large expanses of uninterrupted building surfaces, each floor of the building shall include at least two of the following features within every 30 lineal feet or portion thereof along all elevations of the structure:
  - a. Recess (e.g., deck, patio, courtyard, entrance or similar feature) that has a minimum depth of 4 feet;
  - b. Extension (e.g., floor area, deck, patio, entrance or similar feature) that projects a minimum of 2 feet and runs horizontally for a minimum length of 4 feet; and/or
  - c. Offsets or breaks in roof elevation of 2 feet or greater in height.

Notwithstanding the above standards, all building elevations visible from a public street right-of way shall provide doors, porches, balconies, and/or windows. The standard applies to each full and partial building story.

5. Detailed Architectural Features. All buildings shall provide detailed design along all elevations (e.g., front, rear and sides). Detailed design requires use of at least five of the following architectural features on all front and exterior side (corner lot) elevations and at least three of the following architectural features on all interior and rear yard elevations, at a minimum of every 30 lineal feet of horizontal wall or portion thereof. Architectural features shall be varied on the different building elevations. The standard applies to each full and partial building story.
  - a. Dormers
  - b. Gables
  - c. Recessed entries
  - d. Covered porch entries
  - e. Cupolas or towers
  - f. Pillars or posts
  - g. Eaves (minimum 6-inch projection)
  - h. Off-sets in building face or roof (minimum 16 inches)
  - i. Window trim on all windows on the facade
  - j. Bay or oriel windows
  - k. Balconies
  - l. Decorative patterns on exterior finishes (e.g., scales/shingles, wainscoting, ornamentation, and similar features)
  - m. Decorative cornices and roof lines (e.g., for flat roofs)

- n. An alternative feature providing visual relief and detail, similar to options a-m above, may be approved through the development review process.
6. Exterior Finish. The exterior finish on all vertical surfaces shall be comprised primarily of materials such as masonry/wood lap siding, shingles, brick or stucco. The use of sheet metal, plywood, T1-11 siding, smooth face cinder block and other similar materials is not permitted. Textured cinder blocks may be permitted on side and rear facades, but shall not exceed 40% of the total exterior wall area of the ground/bottom floor.
7. Building Mass and Scale. Third and fourth stories of multifamily dwellings and complexes, and/or all portions of the structure above 20 feet in height, in residential zones shall occupy no more than 80% of the building footprint area (ground floor), and shall have walls set back no less than 4 feet from the continuous vertical plane created by the walls of the first floor, excluding design and architectural features such as recessions, extensions (i.e. decks, covered entries, windows, doors).
8. Building Alignment. There shall be no window to adjoining window alignment when adjacent buildings are less than 30 feet apart.
9. Trash Receptacles. A common trash enclosure shall be required and is subject to the following standards.
- a. Trash enclosures shall be oriented away from adjacent residences and shall be screened.
  - b. Trash enclosures shall be accessible to trash pick-up vehicles.
  - c. Trash enclosures, a minimum of six-feet in height, shall be constructed of solid, durable and attractive walls, with solid screen doors and shall be visually consistent with project architecture.
  - d. A minimum two (2) foot irrigated and landscaped perimeter shall be provided around the enclosure (excepting door entries).
  - e. Enclosure areas shall contain sufficient space to accommodate both waste disposal and recycling containers adequate to accommodate the degree of development. Documentation from the applicable trash collection company shall indicate that the area and type of container(s) will be adequate to accommodate the amount of refuse that is anticipated to be generated on a ordinary basis.
10. Mechanical Equipment. External mechanical equipment, such as heating or cooling equipment, pumps or generators, that is located on the ground or on the roof of buildings, must be entirely screened from view by sight obscuring walls, fences, parapets or other similar means consistent with the overall architecture of the development. Landscaping is not an acceptable alternative for such screening as specified herein. Screening shall be compliant with all applicable fire codes.

11. Common Open Space. A minimum of 15 percent of site area (inclusive of required setbacks but exclusive of dedicated street rights-of-way and land dedicated to other public uses like parks and schools), shall be provided as common open space and be suitable for a recreational play area, or group or community activities. However, in no case shall less than 3,000 square feet of common open space be provided. Such area shall be improved with grass, plantings, surfacing, equipment or buildings suitable for recreational use. The Hearings Body may require this area to be protected from streets, parking areas, or the like, by a fence or the equivalent. Sensitive lands and historic buildings or landmarks open to the public and designated by the Comprehensive Plan may be counted toward meeting the common open space requirements.
12. Private Open Space. Private open space shall be required for all multi-family units based on the following standards:
  - a. Ground/bottom floor housing units shall have front or rear patios or decks at least 4 feet deep and measuring at least 48 square feet in area.
  - b. A minimum of 50% of all upper floor (second floor and above) housing units shall have balconies or porches at least 4 feet deep and measuring at least 48 square feet in area.
  - c. To the maximum extent possible, private open space areas shall be oriented toward common open space areas and away from adjacent single family residences, parking areas and driveways and trash enclosures.
13. Special Yards. In order to allow air circulation and light, the distance between buildings on the same lot shall be as follows:
  - a. An inner court providing access to double-row dwelling groups shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width.
  - b. The distance between principal buildings on the same lot shall be no less than 12 feet.
14. Special Fencing/Landscaping. A sight obscuring fence or evergreen hedge may be required by the Hearings Body when, in its judgment, such screening is necessary to preserve the values of nearby properties, protect the aesthetic character of the neighborhood or vicinity, and to provide security for occupants of the subject complex.
15. Storage. There shall be no outdoor storage of furniture, tools, equipment, building materials or supplies belonging to the occupants or management of the complex. All multifamily dwellings and complexes shall provide for storage of furniture, tools, equipment, building materials or supplies belonging to the occupants or management of the complex. Each dwelling unit shall have its one assigned storage area, which is a minimum 18 square feet, and shall be securable. Storage areas may be indoor, such as attached or detached garages, or within specific areas that are internal to each dwelling unit. Storage areas may also be within outdoor structures such as within a separate storage building on premises. The City may exempt or reduce the storage

space requirement for “specialty housing” such as housing for the elderly or for housing for long-term infirm care.

16. Off-Street Parking. The number of off street parking spaces shall be provided in conformance with Section 8.0500 through 8.0515 of the City of Redmond Code. Multi-family dwellings and complexes shall comply with the City’s access policies regarding vehicle access and provide adequate pedestrian ways to safely navigate the parking areas and to connect to the public sidewalks. Adequate internal vehicle access shall be designed to minimize or eliminate vehicle/vehicle or vehicle/pedestrian conflicts. Off-street parking areas shall not be placed between the primary building elevations and public streets. Parallel parking shall not be permitted on any common or shared driveways or private drives less than 28’in width.
17. Bicycle Parking. One (1) covered bicycle parking space shall be provided for every two (2) dwelling units. Covered bicycle parking spaces may be located within a garage, storage shed, basement or similar area, provided the area is not otherwise obstructed with mechanical equipment. In those instances where there is no garage or other easily accessible storage area, the bicycles shall be sheltered from sun precipitation by an independent structure specifically designed for such. Covered bicycle parking areas shall be evenly distributed throughout the development. The City may exempt or reduce the covered bicycle parking space requirement for “specialty housing” such as housing for the elderly or for housing for long-term infirm care.

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## Exhibit 2

**DATE:** February 7, 2012  
**TO:** Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission Members  
**FROM:** Heather Richards, Community Development Director  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion – 2012/13 Work plan

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### Report in Brief:

This is a discussion item to provide direction to city staff on a proposed work plan for the calendar year 2012.

### Background:

At the beginning of each calendar year, staff works with the Planning Commission to draft a work plan for that calendar year and the 2012/13 fiscal year. This helps to inform staffing and budget needs for the work plan. With the slowdown in the economy, this is especially helpful, since most of the work of the Planning Commission is focused on long-range planning projects.

### Discussion

At the last meeting of the Planning Commission, commissioners asked city staff to meet with the Commission Chair and Vice-Chair and Commissioner Bleile to discuss projects and priorities. The outcome of that meeting is outlined below. Based on the direction received by the Planning Commission at this meeting, city staff will prepare a calendar of agenda items for the next four months for the Planning Commission which will be distributed at the next Planning Commission meeting on February 21, 2012.

Please be prepared to discuss any projects that you would like to add or delete from the Planning Commission's consideration.

### Development Code Amendments:

- 1) Multi-Family Housing and Complex Design Standards (Underway)
- 2) Subdivision Code – Connectivity, neighborhood transition, housing design standards (Evaluation and Amendment)
- 3) Development Code Fixes (These will be incorporated into the work plan as appropriate).
  - o Screening wind turbines, solar panels, etc.
  - o Flags as Signs
  - o Reader Boards
  - o Home Occupations

**Long Range Area Plan Initiatives:** CDD has a goal of developing one Long Range Area Plan a year to prepare for future development and master planning requests.

- 1) Southeast Redmond Employment Site – 465 Acres
- 2) Southwest Redmond High School Area Plan

**Review and Recommendation of Current Planning Efforts:** The following plans are either underway or have been drafted for consideration by the Planning Commission for recommendation. They will be interspersed into the work plan based upon their completion date and need for review and evaluation. A work session with the Planning Commission will commence mid-way through the planning process and then after the final draft is recommended by the relevant commission/agency. At that time, the Planning Commission will evaluate the plan and make a recommendation to the City Council for adoption. Below is a list of the plans in the chronological order of when they are expected to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

- 1) Redmond Development Plan
- 2) Bicycle Refinement Plan
- 3) Professional Business and Medical District Master Plan
- 4) City Center Housing Density Study
- 5) City Center Circulation Study
- 6) South US 97 Highway Corridor Plan

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