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Attendees gather to celebrate Independence Day at the Redmond Fourth of July Parade 2022 in downtown Redmond.

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City council updating zoning rules to comply with state

BY TIM TRAINOR

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Redmond city councilors reluctantly passed major changes to Redmond's development codes on Tuesday, June 28 — just two days before a new state law was set to go into effect.

Many of those changes — ranging from lot sizes to street setbacks and rules on increased density — had not been discussed or debated by the city's planning commission. Still, the council was urged to pass the code changes recommended by city staff rather than operate under standard rules written in Salem.

"If you don't come into compliance by July 1 of this year, you have to use the state model code," John Roberts, deputy city manager, told the council. "It's in our interest to adopt and use our own model code because that gives us more discretion and leverage."

"Either we do this to ourselves or the state does it to us," said Mayor George Endicott.

The updates were required after the passage of House Bill 2001 by the 2019 Oregon Legislature, which has taken two years to go into effect. The goal of the bill was to make it easier for property owners and developers to build different types of housing, especially in zones that have long been limited to single-family houses and strict land use rules.

The bill required that local code be updated to reduce limits on the types of housing that can be built on a variety of parcels, with the goal of increasing the number of duplexes, triplexes, stand-alone townhouses and more. According to the Legislature, an increased variety of new housing styles will offer lower-cost options for middle-income residents interested in homeownership. Senate Bill 458, a companion piece, allows for simpler divisions of lots into smaller sized parcels.

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Fourth of July parade fills streets

STORY AND PHOTOS BY NICK ROSENBERGER

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With the roar of sirens, claps and cheers, the 2022 Redmond Fourth of July parade launched into the streets of downtown Redmond.

Attendees covered in red, white and blue filled Sixth Street as a line of participants — everyone from city council members and mayoral candidates to community groups

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The Marines ROTC color



Dog days of summer

BY BILL BARTLETT

For the Redmond Spokesman

As hundreds of Redmonders took off for the long holiday weekend, hundreds of dogs from a half dozen states rolled into the Deschutes County Fairgrounds for the 40th Annual AKC All Breed and Obedience Trials held by the Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club.

The event brought together competitors from more than 50 breeds to compete in agility trials and races, called Fast-CAT.

FastCAT is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure.

Sure, you think your dog is fast.

But have you ever wondered how fast? Can your dog outrun Usain Bolt, who has been called the fastest runner in the world? They just might: Usain's fastest time has been clocked at almost 28 mph — yet dogs have been known to reach speeds of 35-45 mph.

The three day event is divided into two broad categories — fun and seri-

ous. Conformation, agility and Fast-CAT are held outdoors while obedience and rally are indoors.

On the fun side, canine agility is always a crowd pleaser. Dog agility is a sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs run off leash with no food or toys as incentives, and the handler can't touch either the dog or obstacles. The handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals, requiring exceptional training of the animal and coordination of the handler.

Courses are complicated enough that a dog could not complete them correctly without human direction. In competition, the handler must assess the course, decide on strategy, and direct the dog through the course with precision and speed.

On the serious side of the weekend is what you might see on TV for worldwide events like the Westminster



Photo by Bill Bartlett

An Irish setter with a copper coat glistens on the grooming table.

Dog Show. The official term for dog shows is conformation — as in, the act of conforming or producing conformity. While a dog show may look like a beauty pageant. It's not, say organizers. Dogs are not being compared to

each other instead being measured by how closely they conform to the standard of their particular breed.

Why? Because the closer a dog's appearance is to the breed's standard, the

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Photo by Bill Bartlett

The handlers got ribbons, but the contestants got ice cream.

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