

Planning commission votes for code changes

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The Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission on Nov. 21 voted unanimously 4-0, with two absent, in favor of adopting amendments to the Redmond Development Code, which give developers rules for building in Redmond.

The amendments come after the passage of Oregon House Bill 2001, which was implemented to help property owners and developers build more types of housing. That bill forced a reluctant city council to pass changes to the city's development codes or abide by the more onerous, standardized rules written in Salem.

With a limited timeframe to pass HB2001 requirements, Redmond City Council asked the planning commission to do another round of amendments focused on improving clarity and administration of the code including for reduced lot sizes, design elements, deed restrictions and applicability of certain zone districts, among other things.

The unanimous vote puts the code changes one step closer to their final adoption if the city council votes in favor of the changes on Dec. 13.

"This has been a long process," said John Roberts, deputy city manager. "I feel like we're getting close to the finish line. I appreciate everyone's effort."

The document saw hundreds of changes to the code, with the biggest amendments focused on reducing redundancy with the annexation process, updating the definitions for RVs and RV parks, requiring a pre-development application before the submission of a site and design review application, amending the zoning map to expand the existing downtown overlay district and reducing the requirements for multi-family complex off-

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FORGED IN FIRE

RF&R sets donated school district building on fire for training

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A Redmond Fire & Rescue firefighter watches as a former Redmond School District building blazes during a controlled burn to learn training event on Nov. 22 in Redmond.



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A firefighter with Redmond Fire & Rescue hoses down a former Redmond School District building that was set on fire during a controlled burn to learn training event on Nov. 22 in Redmond.

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Redmond Fire & Rescue set fire to a former Redmond School District building at 726 SW 23rd Street during a controlled "Burn to Learn" training event on Nov. 22 with the Black Butte Ranch Fire Department.

The fire departments got in their reps on non-destructive skills prior to the event, then started with smaller fires set inside the building. The event finished with complete obliteration of the building according to Tom Mooney, fire

marshal for Redmond Fire & Rescue, the event allows crews to train in a controlled environment, without many of the dangers present during a live emergency. It is also can be financially beneficial to the building's owners.

"A lot of the time it's cheaper than (demolition)," Mooney said. Mooney said it lets crews run through the first steps necessary when arriving on scene — making sure everyone is out of the structure and then pinpointing the location of the fire. The incident commander gives out assignments and manages the different resources that are coming in.

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Geared up for winter sports

Redmond Snow and Skate steps into busy season

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Tucked away off 6th Street, boards and equipment line the walls of the Redmond Snow and Skate shop — waiting for their turns on the mountain as winter bears down on Central Oregon.

The shop, the only snow sports-centric store in Redmond, fills a gap in the northern half of Deschutes County's outdoor scene with gear and services for the region's winter sports. It is located at 315 SW Cascade Ave.

"We're lucky enough to service Madras, Prineville, Crooked River Ranch, Warm Springs," said Rick Castro, the owner of Redmond Snow and Skate. "All those northern territories, they all used to have to drive to Bend. Now they just come here."

It was never Castro's plan to start a shop focusing on snow sports and skateboarding. He spent years working in high-end, fine dining restaurants and auto shops while his wife worked toward her PhD.

His aim was to start a restaurant. But, Castro wanted to dip his toe into business ownership by trying something else first.

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Rick Castro, the owner of Redmond Snow and Skate at 315 SW Cascade Ave., leans on a ski getting waxed on Nov. 18.

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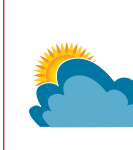
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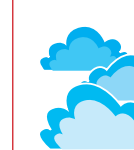
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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
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MONDAY
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