

Attachment B: RZC Purpose Statements for Downtown and for the Old Town Zone

The following purpose statements precede the respective sections of Redmond zoning code for guiding development in the Downtown and in the Old Town zone:

RZC 21.10 DOWNTOWN REGULATIONS

21.10.010 Purpose

The purposes of the Downtown Regulations are to:

- A. Implement the Downtown vision and policies as described in the Comprehensive Plan;
- B. Promote the development of Downtown as an Urban Center, attracting people and businesses by providing an excellent transportation system, diverse economic opportunities, a variety of well-designed and distinctive places to live, and proximity to shopping, recreation, and other amenities;
- C. Provide a pedestrian- and bicycle-oriented environment with “local” streets appropriate for a destination location; and
- D. Provide a dynamic urban area that is enhanced by a rich natural setting, including open space, trees, and other landscaping, and a focus on the Sammamish River. Such a neighborhood, by its very nature, is noisier and busier than the typical suburban residential neighborhood.

RZC 21.10 DOWNTOWN REGULATIONS

21.10.030 Old Town (OT) Zone

- A. **Purpose.** The **Old Town** district is comprised of the original downtown and includes a number of historic structures and gathering places, including a central park. The Old Town district is established to be a center of pedestrian-oriented retail activity in the Downtown neighborhood. The regulations shaping development in this district provide for an urban village pattern and rhythm which encourages narrow ground floor storefronts, small blocks, narrow streets with curbside parking, mixed-use residential/office/service buildings, and pedestrian-scale architecture. The regulations also encourage the enhancement of existing older buildings in Old Town with small ground floor retail spaces, characterized by narrow bay spacing complementary to pedestrian activity and interest, and office or residential spaces in upper stories. The pedestrian nature of the area is emphasized through lower parking requirements and plans for creation of parking lots/structures in a few central locations at the edge of these areas. This district provides for a full range of retail uses such as specialty and comparison shopping, eating and entertainment establishments, as well as general and professional services, and residential uses.