ORDINANCE NO 2444

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER, RMC 2 19, POET LAUREATE, TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CREATING THE POSITION OF POET LAUREATE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, DEFINING THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE POET LAUREATE, ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF THE POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate makes a significant contribution to the cultural life of a city, and

WHEREAS, the literary arts are an essential part of the human spirit and can reveal new ways of understanding throughout our diverse community, and

WHEREAS, the Poet Laureate of Redmond will broaden the awareness of poetry, express the spirit of Redmond culture through poetry, and raise the level of discourse during discussions and debates in the City, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Arts Commission has carefully considered the process of selecting and guiding the efforts of a Poet Laureate, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council has determined that it should support a more vibrant sense of community and culture in Redmond

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. Adoption of Chapter RMC 2 19, Poet Laureate, is hereby added to read as follows

Chapter 2.19

POET LAUREATE

Sections:

2.19.010 Poet Laureate Established - Selection, Responsibilities, and Compensation

(A) The Redmond Arts Commission shall set criteria for selection of the Poet Laureate and recommend candidates for the position to the Mayor for approval by the City Council,

(B) The Responsibilities of the Poet Laureate shall be established by the Redmond Arts Commission and may include but not be limited to providing public poetry readings, reading poetry at city council meetings, composing and publishing poems, teaching poetry classes, and encouraging poetry appreciation within Redmond,

(C) The Poet Laureate shall be compensated through a contract established by the Arts Commission from Arts Activity Funds

Section 2 Severability If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any code provision adopted hereby should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a

court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any such code provision

Section 3 Effective Date This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of a summary consisting of the title

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 20th day of January, 2008

CITY OF REDMOND

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE NANCY MCCORMICK

ATTEST

MICHELLE M MCGEHEE, CMC, CITY CLERK (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

By

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PASSED (6-1), YES Carson, Cole, Margeson, McCormick, Myers and Vache, NO Allen