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REPEALED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1733

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Ban on Phosphates in
Cleaning Agents

ORDINANCE NO. 1717

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, BANNING THE SALE OF CLEANING AGENTS CONTAINING PHOSPHATES PROVIDING THAT VIOLATION CONSTITUTES A GROSS MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1.01.110 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 13.22.

WHEREAS, phosphorous is a common ingredient in various types of cleaning agents, including laundry detergents, and

WHEREAS, laundry detergents containing only a trace amount of phosphorous are readily available and can be substituted for detergents containing larger amounts of phosphorous, and

WHEREAS, phosphorous in household waste water enters local ground and surface waters, contributing to water quality problems in local lakes and streams, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council is committed to reducing pollution, including phosphorous pollution, and desires to address the problem at its source in order to maintain and enhance existing water quality and to facilitate cost effective waste water treatment, and

WHEREAS, the King County Council has adopted King County Ordinance 92-285, which bans the sale of laundry detergents containing phosphates in unincorporated King County and has requested that cities within the County do the same, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council has determined to join

King County in imposing this ban, NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. New Chapter Added. A new Chapter 13.22 is
hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code to read as follows:

13.22.010 Definitions. As used in this
Chapter, the following terms have the meanings
set forth below:

- A. "Laundry cleaning product" means any
product, including, but not limited to,
soaps, detergents, laundry bleach and
laundry additives, used for the purpose
of cleaning laundry.
- B. "Phosphorous" means elemental
phosphorous.
- C. "Trace quantity" means an incidental
amount of phosphorous which is not part
of the product formulation and is present
only as a consequence of manufacturing,
and which does not exceed 5/10 of one
percent of the content of the product by
weight, expressed as elemental
phosphorous.

13.22.020 Sales of Certain Laundry Cleaning
Products Prohibited. No person may sell,
distribute, offer or expose for sale within
the City, whether at wholesale or retail, and
whether for commercial or domestic use, a
laundry cleaning product containing
phosphorous in excess of a trace quantity.

13.22.030 Labeling Required. All laundry
cleaning products sold or distributed within
the City of Redmond shall have affixed thereto
labeling which clearly indicates the percent
of phosphorous contained in the product to the
nearest 1/10 of one percent accuracy. Laundry
cleaning products which contain only a trace
quantity of phosphorous may be labeled
"contains no phosphorous" or similar labeling
which makes a clear statement that no
prohibited quantity of phosphorous is present

in the product.

13.22.040 Enforcement and Penalties. Violation of any provision of this Chapter shall constitute a gross misdemeanor, and shall be punishable as provided in Section 1.01.110 of the Redmond Municipal Code.

13.22.050 Exceptions. Nothing in this Chapter shall apply to any laundry cleaning product when it is sold to, or used in:

- A. A hospital, veterinary hospital or clinic or health care facility; or
- B. A commercial laundry for laundry services directly provided to a hospital, veterinary hospital or clinic or health care facility.

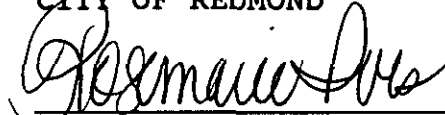
Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on September 1, 1993, which is more than thirty (30) days after its passage and publication of the attached summary, which is hereby approved.

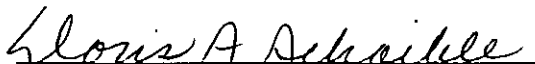
Section 4. Intent to Repeal. Section 5 of King County Ordinance No. 92-285 states that it is King County's intent to repeal that ordinance before its effective date unless at least six cities within King County have adopted ordinances with the same or substantially similar effect. The Redmond City Council hereby declares its similar intent to repeal this ordinance before its

effective date unless King County maintains its ordinance in effect and at least five other cities within King County have adopted ordinances that the City Council considers to have the same or substantially similar effect.

CITY OF REDMOND


MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, DORIS SCHAIBLE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	December 23, 1992
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	January 5, 1993
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:	January 5, 1993
PUBLISHED:	January 10, 1993
EFFECTIVE DATE:	September 1, 1993
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