

ORDINANCE NO. 2534

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AMENDING REDWOOD CITY CODE CHAPTER 38 (WATER SYSTEM REGULATIONS), ARTICLE VI (WATER MAIN UPGRADE), SECTION 38.26 RELATING TO WATER MAIN UPGRADE STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Redwood City Municipal Code Chapter 38 (Water System Regulations), Article VI (Water Main Upgrade), Section 38.26 provides standards for water main upgrade; and

WHEREAS, offsite infrastructure improvements such as water main upgrades may be required for new buildings or substantial remodeling; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to Redwood City Code Chapter 38 (Water System Regulations), Article VI (Water Main Upgrade), Section 38.26 set forth herein ("Ordinance Amendments") would authorize the City Engineer to permit water mains less than eight inches in diameter if an upgraded water main is not required to support fire protection, fire suppression, and domestic use purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF REDWOOD CITY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. The proposed Ordinance Amendments have been reviewed with respect to applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.). The Ordinance Amendments are not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) because the Ordinance Amendments do not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, as the Ordinance Amendments only concern standards for water main upgrade. The Ordinance Amendments are also exempt from CEQA as there is no possibility of causing a significant effect on the environment, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Future projects subject to the City Code will require a permit and will be analyzed at the appropriate time in accordance with CEQA.

Section 3. The City Council of Redwood City hereby adopts the following Ordinance Amendments by adding the text shown in underline (example) and deleting the text shown in ~~example~~, as provided below. Wording in brackets ([example]) is informational only and is not to be included in the published ordinance.

Section 4. Section 38.26 is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 38.26. - WATER MAIN UPGRADE—ALL WATER SERVICE AREAS:

The following requirements shall apply to all water service areas defined in Section 38.1:

Upon the construction of a new building (except an accessory dwelling unit) (residential or commercial) or upon the performance of substantial commercial or substantial residential remodeling, a minimum eight (8) inch diameter water main shall be constructed from the nearest point of connection of an existing water main six (6) inch diameter or greater size through the entire street frontage if the existing water main serving the property is less than six (6) inch diameter. A smaller diameter water main may be permitted by the City Engineer when documentation is provided showing the proposed development does not require an eight (8) inch diameter to support the additional growth for fire protection, fire suppression, and domestic use purposes according to the City Engineering Standards and Fire Code (for properties located outside of Redwood City, the fire code of the jurisdiction in which the property is located shall apply). Before permitting a smaller diameter water main, the City Engineer shall receive confirmation from the Fire Chief or designee that the proposed modification is consistent with Fire Code requirements.

In addition, regardless of the level and size of development and remodeling, a minimum eight (8) inch diameter water main shall be constructed from the nearest point of connection of an existing water main six (6) inch diameter or greater size through the entire street frontage if:

- (1) The existing water main, regardless of size, does not provide adequate flows and pressures to support the additional growth for fire protection, fire suppression, and domestic use purposes as determined by the City according to the City Standards; and
- (2) A fire hydrant is required and the existing water main is less than six (6) inch in diameter.

Refer to Section 18.235 for definitions of terms used in this Section.”

Section 5. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of these Ordinance Amendments are for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or sections of the Ordinance Amendments. The City Council of Redwood City hereby declares that it would have adopted the Ordinance Amendments and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall go into effect 30 days following its adoption.

Section 7. The City Clerk is directed to cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

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At a Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting thereof held on the 12th day of February 2024 by the following votes:

AYES, and in favor of the passage and adoption of the foregoing ordinance:

AYES: Aguirre, Eakin, Howard, Martinez Saballos, Sturken, and Mayor Gee

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Espinoza-Garnica

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None



Jeff Gee
Mayor of the City of Redwood City



Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance
this 13th day of February 2024.



Jeff Gee
Mayor of the City of Redwood City