



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5893
June 15, 2021
Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5893: Review Arts Council Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt Ordinance No. 21C-13 amending MICC 3.55.030(B).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

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EXHIBITS:	1. Ordinance No. 12C-13, Amending MICC 3.55.030(B)
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

SUMMARY

The proposed ordinance would amend [MICC 3.55.030\(B\)](#) to reduce the size of the Mercer Island Arts Council ("Arts Council") from its current size of nine members to seven members. It would also provide flexibility regarding term limits to allow past members having served two full consecutive terms to serve again if there is a lack of applicants who have not yet served two full consecutive terms. However, the amendment would establish a preference for applicants who have not previously served two full consecutive terms.

BACKGROUND

In 2018, through Ordinance No. 19C-01 ([AB 5519](#)), the City updated the code language for the City's boards and commissions (Planning Commission, Design Commission, Utility Board, Arts Council, and Parks & Recreation Commission). That update generally established the maximum board/commission size at seven members with the exception of the Arts Council. In 2018, the Arts Council had eleven members with two departing, and Ordinance No. 19C-01 reduced the size of the Arts Council from eleven members to nine members.

The City currently has four vacancies on the Arts Council, so City Staff believes now is the appropriate time to reduce the size of the Arts Council membership from nine members to seven members to be consistent with the other City boards and commissions.

Ordinance No. 19C-01 also established a two-term limit for Arts Council members. Because the City has had difficulty in recruiting new members, it is appropriate to amend the code to allow members who have served two full consecutive terms to serve again, in the absence of applicants who have not yet served two terms.

However, the code would provide a preference for applicants who have not yet served two full consecutive terms.

The Council is asked to adopt Ordinance No. 21C-13 at first reading to enable the supplemental recruiting for Arts Council members to begin timely for a planned September appointment. Any ordinance that the City Council determines require an effective date precluding a second reading may be adopted at first reading. Furthermore, under the City Council Rules of Procedure as most recently amended, a motion to suspend the Rules requiring a second reading for an ordinance is no longer required.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Ordinance No. 21C-13 amending MICC 3.55.030(B) reducing the size of the Arts Council and revising term limits.