



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5896
June 15, 2021
Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5896: Providing Flexibility Regarding Utility Board Term Limits	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt Ordinance No. 21C-14 amending MICC 3.52.030(B).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
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EXHIBITS:	1. Ordinance No. 21C-14, Amending MICC 3.52.030(B)
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

SUMMARY

The proposed ordinance would amend MICC [3.52.030\(B\)](#) to provide flexibility regarding term limits for members of the Mercer Island Utility Board ("Utility Board"). The ordinance would 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 a two-term limit for boards and commissions, including the Utility Board. 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 applications from applicants who have not yet served two full consecutive terms. However, the proposed amendments would provide a preference for applicants who have not yet served two full consecutive terms.

The City Council is asked to adopt Ordinance No. 21C-14 at first reading to enable the supplemental recruiting for Utility Board 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-14 amending MICC 3.52.030(B) regarding Utility Board term limits.