



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6376
November 21, 2023
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6376: Code Amendments Relating to City Fire Department (Second Reading Ord. No. 23C-17)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-17, amending MICC Ch. 3.32 and 3.30 and Sections 4.40.100 and 3.36.030.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Attorney
STAFF:	Eileen Keiffer, Madrona Law Group, PLLC Bio Park, City Attorney
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Ordinance No. 23C-17
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda bill introduces Ordinance No. 23C-17 (Exhibit 1) for second reading and adoption.

- Ordinance No. 23C-17 adopts cleanups to the Mercer Island City Code (MICC) required by the City’s transition to Eastside Fire & Rescue for the provision of fire and emergency medical services beginning January 1, 2024.
- The MICC currently makes provisions for an in-house fire and emergency medical service department. Accordingly, housekeeping amendments for consistency are required.
- The City Council completed a first reading of Ordinance No. 23C-17 on November 7, 2023 (AB 6365).

BACKGROUND

Currently, various sections of the MICC reference the operation of an in-house fire and emergency medical services department. On July 5, 2023, the City Council approved resolution No. 1645 (AB 6307) authorizing the execution of an Interlocal agreement (ILA) between the City of Mercer Island (City) and the non-profit corporation Eastside Fire and Rescue (EFR) for the provision of fire and emergency medical services by EFR to the City beginning January 1, 2024. The ILA was signed by both parties on July 20, 2023. Consequently, those sections of the MICC that reference operation of an in-house fire and emergency medical services department need to be updated.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The proposed housekeeping amendments to the MICC in Ordinance No. 23C-17 (Exhibit 1) reflect that the City is getting out of the business of providing fire and emergency medical services and will be obtaining the provision of such services through a contracted provider. The amendments clarify that other references within the MICC that refer to the Fire Department or Fire Marshal shall refer to the City's contracted provider. Amendments are proposed to the following sections of code:

- Chapter 3.32, Police Department and Fire Department
- Chapter 3.30, Civil Service Commission
- Section 4.40.100, Firemen's relief and pension system (Funds)
- Section 3.36.030, Membership (Civil Service Commission)

The City Council expressed no concerns with Ordinance No. 23C-17 at its first reading during the November 7, 2023 Meeting. No changes have been made to the ordinance between the first and second readings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-17, amending MICC Ch. 3.32 and 3.30 and Sections 4.40.100 and 3.36.030 relating to City Fire Department references.