



City of Mercer Island, Washington

ORDER PROHIBITING DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS DUE TO EXTREME FIRE DANGER

WHEREAS, the City Council granted, through MICC 8.35.040, the local fire official the discretion and authority to prohibit the discharge of all fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger at Mercer Island; and

WHEREAS, MICC 8.35.040 was adopted in accordance with chapter 70.77 RCW; and

WHEREAS, a decrease in the supply of incoming potable water to Mercer Island has caused the City of Mercer Island to declare a local emergency and issue Emergency Proclamation 329; and

WHEREAS, the average daily demand for potable water on Mercer Island during summer months is higher than Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU) current capacity to supply potable water to Mercer Island; and

WHEREAS, SPU's capacity to supply potable water to Mercer Island has been impacted by its primary water supply pipeline requiring repairs – repairs that will be ongoing throughout this summer; and

WHEREAS, City reservoirs need to be maintained above 61.4% capacity to meet firefighting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of water supply to meet firefighting requirements during the aforementioned local emergency poses an imminent and severe threat to the safety and well-being of the Mercer Island community; and

WHEREAS, discharge of consumer fireworks heightens the risk of multiple fire ignitions that could further diminish the City's water supply to levels below what is necessary to support critical fire suppression operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned local fire official of the City of Mercer Island, in consultation with and with the agreement of the City Manager, orders as follows:

Pursuant to MICC 8.35.040, discharge of consumer fireworks at Mercer Island on July 4, 2024, shall be prohibited, because of the conditions for extreme fire danger at Mercer Island described above in the "whereas" clause.

SIGNED, this 1st of May 2024

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Ben Lane
Eastside Fire & Rescue Fire Chief

SIGNED, in agreement with local fire official, this 1st of May 2024

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Jessi Bon
City Manager