



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6761
September 2, 2025
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6761: Ratification of Local Emergency Order Issued by the City Manager – Water Main Breaks (Proclamation No. 365)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Ratify and confirm the Local Emergency Order issued by the City Manager in August 2025.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 365
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to [chapter 38.52 RCW](#), the City Manager issued, on August 7, Proclamation No. 365 (Exhibit 1) Declaring a Local Emergency in response to the multiple water main breaks along East Mercer Way. The City Council will ratify the Proclamation to continue the emergency for the duration until the repair can be completed.

BACKGROUND

During the evening of August 5, 2025 and morning of August 6, 2025, multiple water main breaks along East and West Mercer Way occurred. The impacts of the “Main Breaks” on Mercer Island include water service outage and interruption for approximately 55 homes, flood damage to public and private properties, and closure of a segment of East Mercer Way.

Public Works crews, supported by Police and Fire, have been working since the Main Breaks to repair the mains, restore water service, and mitigate other impacts from the Main Breaks. The City’s Emergency Operations Center was activated to monitor and assist City teams responding to the Main Breaks, including providing meals to on-duty teams, communications assistance, water to affected residents, and facilitating coordination of meetings.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

In response to the situation, on August 7, the City declared an emergency and activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) while the repair of the remaining Main Break is completed.

The declaration of local emergency authorizes the City to commit all available resources to preserve public health, safety, and welfare, and provide relief to those impacted. The declaration invokes all emergency powers and authority set forth in [RCW 38.52.070](#) including limitation to the right to enter into contract, employ temporary workers, and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements).

City Manager Jessi Bon issued a Local Emergency Order on August 7, which shall be ratified and confirmed by the City Council until the emergency is declared over.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to work on repairing the water main and ending the emergency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Ratify and confirm the Local Emergency Order issued by the City Manager on August 7, 2025 in Proclamation No. 365 and allow the emergency declaration to remain in effect until the East Mercer Way water main repair is completed.