

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 23C-13**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 2.06.020 OF THE MERCER ISLAND CITY CODE TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING PLACE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mercer Island has previously adopted ordinances codified at chapter 2.06 of the Mercer Island City Code (MICC) establishing the regular meeting place of the City Council meetings pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, MICC 2.06.020 establishes the regular meeting place of the City Council at City Hall, 9611 S.E. 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2023, City Hall was closed until further notice; and

WHEREAS, City Hall remains closed and will likely not reopen; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer Island Community and Event Center has been the location for City Council meetings since April 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that, in order to provide open and efficient operations of City Council meetings, and to promote administration of the affairs of the City, it is necessary and appropriate to amend MICC 2.06.020 to change the regular meeting place of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Amended.** MICC 2.06.020 is amended to read as follows:

The regular meeting place of the city council shall be at City Hall, 9611 S.E. 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington, or at such other place as the city council may designate and direct at a previous meeting.

Section 2. **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or any municipal code section amended hereby should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or the amended code section.

Section 3: **Publication and Effective Date.** A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This

Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after the date of publication.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, Washington at its meeting on the 5th day of September 2023 and signed in authentication of its passage.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

Salim Nice, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

ATTEST:

Bio Park, City Attorney

Andrea Larson, City Clerk

Date of Publication: _____