

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION

Chapter 2.02 NONCHARTER CODE CITY

2.02.010 City classification.

The city of Mercer Island is classified as a noncharter code city, under the council-manager plan of government as set forth in RCW Chapter 35A.13, endowed with all the applicable rights, powers, privileges, duties and obligations of a noncharter code city as set forth in RCW Title 35A, as the same now exists, or may be provided hereafter, including any and all supplements, amendments, or other modifications of said title at any time hereafter enacted.

(Ord. 442 § 1, 1978)

Chapter 2.04 CITY COUNCIL—OFFICERS

2.04.010 City council positions.

The city council members shall continue to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified at the next biennial municipal election to be conducted as provided in RCW Chapter 35A.29. The four existing city council positions which terms will expire January 14, 1980, shall be elected for four-year terms in the 1979 municipal elections. The three existing city council positions, which terms expire January 11, 1982, shall be elected for new four-year terms in the 1981 municipal elections. Thereafter the requisite number of city council positions shall be filled by election biennially as the terms of their predecessors expire and shall serve for terms of four years. The positions to be filled on the city council shall be designated by consecutive numbers and shall be dealt with as separate offices for all election purposes as provided by RCW Chapter 35A.29.

(Ord. 442 § 3, 1978)

2.04.020 Reserved.

Editor's note(s)—Repealed by Ord. 04C-09; § 2.04.020, pertaining to designated salaries, is repealed upon the effective date of any schedule filed with the Mercer Island city clerk by the independent salary commission described in chapter 3.42.

2.04.030 Eligibility to hold elective office.

No person shall be eligible to hold elective office under the council-manager plan of government unless he shall have been a resident of the city for a period of at least one year next preceding his election, and a registered voter. A mayor or councilman shall hold within the city government no other public office or employment except as permitted under the provisions of RCW Chapter 42.23.

(Added during 1980 codification)

Chapter 2.06 CITY COUNCIL—MEETINGS

2.06.010 Regular meetings—Date and time.

Regular meetings of the city council will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. When a meeting day falls on a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held on the first business day following.

(Ord. 20C-27 § 1; Ord. 20C-10 § 1; Ord. 20C-03 § 1; Ord. 17C-19 § 1; Ord. 06C-08 § 1; Ord. A-116 § 1, 1994; Ord. A-114 § 1, 1994; Ord. A-94 § 1, 1992; Ord. 516 § 1, 1981)

(Ord. No. 22C-01, § 1, 1-18-2022; Ord. No. 23C-01, § 1, 1-3-2023)

2.06.020 Meeting place.

The regular meeting place of the city council shall be at Mercer Island Community and Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, Washington, or at such other place as the city council may designate and direct at a previous meeting.

(Ord. A-94 § 2, 1992; Ord. 516 § 2, 1981; Ord. No. 23C-13, § 1, 9-5-2023)

2.06.030 Open public meetings.

All meetings of the city council and of committees thereof shall be open to the public, unless an executive session thereof is authorized in accordance with law.

(Ord. 17C-19 § 1; Ord. 516 § 3, 1981)

2.06.040 Presiding member.

Meetings of the council shall be presided over by the mayor, if present, or the mayor pro tempore if one has been appointed, or by a member of the council selected by a majority of the council members at such meeting. Appointment of a council member to preside over the meeting shall not in any way abridge his right to vote on matters coming before the council at such meeting.

(Added during 1980 codification)

2.06.050 Quorum—Rules—Voting.

- A. At all meetings of the council a majority of the councilmembers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business unless otherwise provided by law. The council shall determine its own rules, bylaws and order of business, and may establish rules for the conduct of council meetings and the maintenance of order. At the desire of any member, any question shall be voted upon by roll call and the ayes and nays shall be recorded in the minutes.
- B. The passage of any ordinance, grant or revocation of franchise or license, and any resolution for the payment of money, shall require the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the whole membership of the council.

(Ord. 17C-19 § 1; added during 1980 codification)

2.06.060 Robert's Rules of Order.

Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall govern the deliberations of the council, except when in conflict with any rule established by the council.

(Added during 1980 codification)

2.06.070 Powers of council.

The city council shall have the powers and authority granted to legislative bodies of cities governed by RCW Title 35A as more particularly described in RCW Chapter 35A.11, except insofar as such power and authority is vested in the city manager.

(Added during 1980 codification)

Chapter 2.08 CITY OFFICE HOURS

2.08.010 Location of City Hall.

The City Hall for the city shall be at 9611 S.E. 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

(Ord. 95C-009 § 1; Ord. 190 § 1, 1968)

2.08.020 Hours of business and holidays.

A. Unless otherwise specified by the city manager, City Hall shall be open for the transaction of business Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exception of the following legal holidays:

1. New Year's Day;
2. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday;
3. Presidents' Day;
4. Memorial Day;
5. Juneteenth (beginning in 2022);
6. Independence Day;
7. Labor Day;
8. Veterans Day;
9. Thanksgiving Day;
10. Day after Thanksgiving Day;
11. Christmas Day;
12. One additional holiday as designated by the city manager each year.

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- B. When a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday.
- C. When a holiday falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday.
- (Ord. 190 § 2, 1968; Ord. A-43 § 1, 1985; Ord. No. 21C-24, § 1, 10-19-2021)

Chapter 2.10 OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER

2.10.010 Official city newspaper.

The Mercer Island Reporter shall be the official city newspaper.

(Ord. 80 § 1, 1963)