

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 24C-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING MERCER ISLAND CITY CODE 3.55.030(B) TO CHANGE THE  
TERM EXPIRATIONS OF POSITIONS FOR THE MERCER ISLAND ARTS  
COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Mercer Island Arts Council currently has seven members whose term expirations are inconsistent to other City boards and commissions, which typically have no more than two positions expire each year; and

WHEREAS, it is logical to align the Mercer Island Arts Council position term expirations consistent with other City boards and commissions;

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

**Section 1: MICC 3.55.030(B) Amended.** Subsection (B) of MICC 3.55.030 is hereby amended as follows:

**3.55.030 Membership.**

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**B. Members.**

- 1. Number.** The Mercer Island arts council shall consist of seven members, serving in non-partisan positions.
- 2. Residency.** City residency is required.
- 3. Terms.** The term of each member is four years and expires on May 31 of the last year of the term or until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. The year of expiration of the terms of the positions shall be staggered as follows: positions 1 and 2; positions 3 and 4; positions 5 and 6; position 7~~with the following groups of positions—expiring in successive years: positions 1, 2 and 3; positions 4 and 5; positions 6 and 7.~~
- 4. Term Limits.** Preference shall be given to applicants who have served fewer than two full consecutive terms. If a member is appointed to a vacancy with two or more years remaining on the term, that term will be deemed a full term. If a member is appointed to a vacancy with less than two years remaining in the term, that term will not count toward the two-consecutive-term limit. In the event there are two or more applicants for a position, and an applicant has previously served two full consecutive terms, preference shall be given to the applicant(s) who has not previously served two full consecutive terms.
- 5. Staff Liaison.** The city manager shall appoint a staff liaison to assist with support services for the Mercer Island arts council. Such staff support shall include, but not be limited to, the development of work plans and schedules, guidelines and procedures, correspondence, and agenda preparation and distribution.

**6. Council Liaison.** The mayor and deputy mayor shall annually designate one councilmember to serve as a liaison between the city council and the Mercer Island arts council.

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**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 20th day of February 2024 and signed in authentication of its passage.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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Salim Nice, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

ATTEST:

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Bio Park, City Attorney

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Andrea Larson, City Clerk

Date of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_