



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6144
September 6, 2022
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6144: Interlocal Agreement with Yarrow Point for Marine Patrol Services and Authorization to Extend the Marine Patrol Pilot Program with Medina and Hunts Point.	<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:	1. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement between with Yarrow Point for Marine Patrol Services. 2. Authorize the extension of the Marine Patrol Pilot Program for services to Medina and Hunts Point through 2023.	

DEPARTMENT:	Police
STAFF:	Ed Holmes, Chief of Police Chad Schumacher, Marine Patrol Sergeant
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Interlocal Agreement with Yarrow Point for Marine Patrol Services 2. Interlocal Agreement with Medina for Marine Patrol Services 3. Interlocal Agreement with Hunts Point for Marine Patrol Services
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Marine Patrol Services with Yarrow Point (see Exhibit 1).

- The Marine Patrol Unit has dedicated itself to providing excellent service to recreators and visitors to Lake Washington and all the jurisdictions that it contracts with through education and enforcement of marine laws.
- In January 2022, Mercer Island began providing marine patrol services to Medina (see Exhibit 2) and Hunts Point (see Exhibit 3).
- In June 2022 Yarrow Point expressed interest in entering into an ILA with the City for Marine Patrol Services.

BACKGROUND

On June 6, 2022, Yarrow Point Mayor Katy Harris and Police Chief Kyle Kolling attended a Marine Patrol tour along with Mayor Salim Nice and Chief Ed Holmes. During the tour, Mayor Harris stated that she was interested in switching their city's contract for marine services from the King County Sheriff's Office to Mercer Island. There had been an agreement with Mercer Island in the past, but it was canceled in 2010 when Medina and Hunts Point transitioned to Seattle PD Harbor Patrol.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The Mercer Island Marine Patrol Unit has dedicated itself to providing excellent service to all the jurisdictions that it serves. The addition of Yarrow Point will not impact current levels of service and will increase the coastline covered by approximately 1.5 nautical miles. This extension will continue the coverage of Hunts Points' coastline north towards Kirkland.

To meet the goals of the Marine Patrol Unit, the Police Department has trained an additional eleven officers in 2022; bringing the total to 20 officers trained as Marine Patrol Officers. These officers can respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to emergency and routine calls for service. They respond to calls for service ranging from enforcement of state and local laws, assisting disabled vessels, debris and hazard removal to more emergency-related calls involving vessel collisions, search and rescue, and vessel and shore accessible fires. The Marine Unit also conducts a wide range of educational outreach through kindergarten water safety classes, public event booths, marine/boat shows, and news media interviews.

The incremental cost anticipated for adding Yarrow Point to jurisdictional coverage is \$15,000 per year. The Marine Patrol division will adjust the 2023-2024 operating budget request accordingly if the ILA is authorized. Yarrow Point will be billed annually for marine patrol services, which is projected to be approximately \$15,000, plus corresponding Vessel Registration Fees. The projected additional revenue will not only cover the incremental costs but will also help to defray a portion of the Marine Patrol's operational costs for 2023.

Staff will evaluate the data related to the services and cost allocation model for Yarrow Point during the 2023 boating season. Staff also requests extending the ongoing pilot program with Medina and Hunts Point through 2023. This extension will allow for the collection of more data to continue evaluating a full cost recovery allocation model for services provided to all marine patrol contract cities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Yarrow Point for Marine Patrol Services substantially in the form attached as Exhibits 1.
2. Authorize the extension of the Marine Patrol services pilot program with Medina and Hunts Point through December 2023.