

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 20C-27**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING MICC 2.06.010 TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY CHANGE
TO THE START TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS 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 establishing the date and time of regular Council meetings pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA); and

WHEREAS, to promote public health, the City Council has been meeting remotely during the current COVID-19 emergency in compliance with various orders to stay home, restricting public gatherings and amending the OPMA; and

WHEREAS, the public can call and listen to remote meetings, watch them live through Zoom, YouTube, and MI-TV Channel 21, and appear before the City Council and provide public testimony by telephone or Zoom; 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 Section 2.06.010 of the Mercer Island City Code to extend the temporary change to the start time of regular meetings during the aforementioned emergency when the City Council is meeting remotely;

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

Section 1. **Amended.** Section 2.06.010 of the Mercer Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Regular meetings of the city council will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 6:30 pm; except that the regular meeting start time between the effective date of City of Mercer Island Ordinance No. 20C-10 and December 31, 2020~~1~~ shall be 5:00 pm. When a meeting day falls on a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held on the first business day following.

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 regular meeting on the 1st day of December 2020 and signed in authentication of its passage.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

Benson Wong, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

ATTEST:

/s/ Bio Park 11/24/2020

Bio Park, City Attorney

Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk

Date of Publication: _____