



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5769
November 2, 2020
Public Hearing

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5769: Public Hearing on Extension of Docketing Deadline to Submit Proposals for Comprehensive Plan and Code Amendments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Conduct Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 20-15.	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	Community Planning and Development
STAFF:	Alison Van Gorp, Deputy Director
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Ordinance No. 20-15
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

SUMMARY

On October 6, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20-15 (see Exhibit 1), extending the deadline for submission of proposed Comprehensive Plan and development code amendments to November 2, 2020. Ordinance No. 20-15 is an interim zoning and official control ordinance, and pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390, a public hearing must be scheduled within 60 days of passing such an ordinance. On Tuesday night, the City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance No. 20-15.

BACKGROUND

The City has an established process for reviewing proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development code. Amendments are proposed and compiled into a “docket” which is reviewed no more frequently than once per year. Amendment proposals are invited each year during the month of September as described in [MICC 19.15.230\(D\)\(1\)](#). Amendment requests are then placed on the docket for initial consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council. The City Council decides which amendments on the docket will receive further review in the coming year.

This year, public notice of the docketing period was issued in the City’s permit bulletin on August 10, 2020 and in the newspaper on August 19, 2020. These published notices, however, inadvertently omitted the term

“code amendment”, indicating that only *comprehensive plan* amendments, not *code* amendments were being invited. Staff were alerted to this omission toward the end of September.

Given this error, the City Council took action by passing Ordinance 20-15 to extend the deadline for submitting comprehensive plan and code amendments proposals to November 2, 2020 (for 2020 only).

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 20-15, which extended the 2020 docketing deadline to submit proposals for Comprehensive Plan and development code amendments.

If necessary, make additional findings and conclusions for passing Ordinance No. 20-15.