

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 23C-07**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 23C-04 RELATED TO ADOPTION OF 2021 AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Washington statutes require all jurisdictions in the state to adopt by reference and enforce the updated versions of the Construction Codes throughout Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mercer Island has adopted by reference numerous Construction Codes for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens as set forth in Title 17 of the Mercer Island City Code (MICC), Construction Codes, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Building Code Council adopted the 2021 editions of the International Codes, and all jurisdictions in the state were required to adopt and enforce the 2021 International Codes effective July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2023, the Mercer Island City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23C-04, adopting the 2021 editions of the International Codes to be effective on July 1, 2023, as required by the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, the Washington State Building Code Council voted to delay the July 1, 2023 effective date for all 2021 construction codes to address legal uncertainties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island desires to comply with the delayed adoption of the construction codes as determined by the Washington State Building Code Council; and

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

Section 1: **Repealed.** City of Mercer Island Ordinance No. 23C-04 is repealed.

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: **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 5 days after its passage and publication.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, Washington at its meeting on the 6th day of June 2023 and signed in authentication of its passage.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

Salim Nice, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

ATTEST:

Bio Park, City Attorney

Andrea Larson, City Clerk

Date of Publication: _____