

Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by City of Mercer Island, Washington

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY BONDS

Permanent facilities for the City of Mercer Island's essential services are aging and/or failing and require replacement. These facilities are critical for public safety, emergency and storm response, well maintained and safe streets, water and sewer maintenance, snow and ice removal, and safe and clean parks, open space areas, and trails.

Proposition 1 authorizes the City to issue bonds to fund the design and construction of a Public Safety and Maintenance Facility that will replace the existing Public Works building, maintenance yard, and temporary police facilities. The new Facility will provide a permanent location for the City's Police Department, Public Works Maintenance teams, the Emergency Operations Center, Information Technology, Geographic Information Systems, and Customer Service.

The Public Safety and Maintenance Facility will be constructed on City land at the site of the existing Public Works Building and permanently closed City Hall. The proposed Facility includes a police precinct and office building, a maintenance building, an operations yard, decant and wash bay facilities, and covered vehicle, equipment, and materials storage. The buildings are designed to Risk Category IV to withstand significant seismic events. The Facility will support increased operational efficiencies, extend vehicle and equipment lifespans, improve emergency response, and restore in-person customer service.

Proposition 1 authorizes the issuance of up to \$103,160,000 of general obligation bonds and the levy of excess property taxes to repay the bonds over 25 years. This amounts to about \$55 per month for a \$2,000,000 home.