



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

**AB 6219  
February 7, 2023  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6219: 2022 Countywide Planning Policy Amendments	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve Resolution No. 1643 Ratifying Amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Planning and Development
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jeff Thomas, CPD Director Adam Zack, Senior Planner
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Letter from Metropolitan King County Council dated January 5, 2023 2. Resolution No. 1643 Ratifying Amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda bill is to ratify or disapprove of amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies. The amendments established 2044 housing and employment growth targets for the City of Sammamish. The Countywide Planning Policy amendments, adopted by [Ordinance No. 19553](#) on December 6, 2022, do not affect the City of Mercer Island housing and employment growth targets. Any amendment of the King County Countywide Planning Policies must be ratified by the cities in the County.

**BACKGROUND**

Countywide planning policies are required for counties planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA). The purpose of King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) is to coordinate growth planning between county and city governments. This is accomplished by establishing growth targets for the number of dwelling units and jobs that cities and counties must plan for in their comprehensive plans. Setting growth targets at the county level ensures that comprehensive plans are using consistent assumptions about growth through the 20-year planning period.

In 2021, the CPPs were amended to set the 2044 growth targets for all cities in King County except for the City of Sammamish, which required, additional analysis before its growth targets could be finalized.

The King County Council amended the CPPs on December 6, 2022, with [Ordinance No. 19553](#). That ordinance set the growth targets for the City of Sammamish and did not change the growth targets for other cities in King County, including the City of Mercer Island.

## **ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

The amendments to the CPPs become effective once they are ratified by 70 percent of cities representing 30 percent of the population in the County. Cities have 90 days to ratify or take action to disapprove of the amendments. The City was notified of the amendments to the CPPs on January 5, 2023 (Exhibit 1). April 1, 2023 is the ratification deadline for the amended CPPs. Approving Resolution No. 1643 will ratify the amended CPPs (Exhibit 2). Please note, the Countywide Planning Policy amendments adopted in 2022 only set the housing and employment growth targets for the City of Sammamish. The growth targets for other cities in King County are not affected by the amendments.

## **NEXT STEPS**

If the City Council approves Resolution No. 1643, the City Clerk will transmit the approved resolution to the Clerk of King County Council, notifying the Council that the City has ratified the Countywide Planning Policies. This transmittal will conclude the ratification process.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve Resolution No. 1643 ratifying proposed amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies.