



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

**AB 6587
December 3, 2024
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6587: Ratification of Emergency Proclamation Issued by the City Manager – Windstorm (Proclamation No. 351)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Ratify and confirm the Proclamation of Emergency issued by the City Manager on November 21, 2024.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager Bio Park, City Attorney Amanda Keverkamp, Emergency Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Emergency Proclamation No. 351
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 21, the City Manager Issued Proclamation No. 351 (Exhibit 1) Declaring a Local Emergency due to the impacts of the “Bomb Cyclone” windstorm (Storm) on Mercer Island.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Impacts of the Storm included downed trees, power poles, and powerlines, and extensive debris scattered across the Island. Many of the roads were closed and barricaded due to downed power lines and large trees. The City issued a shelter-in-place order for residents on East Mercer Way between the 4200 to 4600 blocks and Island Crest Way between 7400 to 7800 blocks due to dangerous debris, downed power lines, and hazardous trees. Other utilities on the Island, including cellphone and internet coverage, were also impacted by the Storm.

The Storm caused significant damage to critical power infrastructure on Mercer Island and regionally, resulting in multi-day power outages for neighborhoods across the Island. At its peak, nearly 500,000 Puget Sound residents were without power, including all Puget Sound Energy (PSE) customers on Mercer Island. Several homes and buildings sustained damage from fallen trees.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to a Level 2 – Partial Activation with staff from every department assisting in response efforts.

Warming and Charging Centers were opened by the City at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center and Islander Middle School and operated on extended hours to assist residents coping without heat, light, and connectivity.

Emergency Management volunteers were activated to help in the Warming and Charging Centers and with neighborhood canvassing.

Responders from various agencies and jurisdictions noted that Mercer Island was one of the cities most heavily hit by the storm.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Ratify and continue the ratification of Emergency Proclamation No. 351, issued by the City Manager on November 21, 2024 because of the impacts of the “Bomb Cyclone” windstorm on Mercer Island, until the same is ended by the City Manager after the impacts of the Storm have been mitigated.