

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 20-23**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN  
THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mercer Island has conducted its review of the 2021-2022 Budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, the City Council of the City of Mercer Island held a public hearing for the purpose of considering testimony regarding the 2021 property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, after due consideration of the evidence and testimony at the public hearing, has determined that the City requires an increase in property tax revenue in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the City of Mercer Island; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Mercer Island approved a levy lid lift in 2008 for the purpose of operating and maintaining Luther Burbank Park and other City parks and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Mercer Island approved a levy lid lift in 2012 for the purpose of replacing Fire Station No. 92 and a fire rescue truck; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to collect \$974,276 of the authorized 2008 Park Maintenance and Operations levy lid lift in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to collect \$695,769 of the authorized 2012 Fire Station and Fire Rescue Truck Replacement levy lid lift in 2021;

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

**Section 1. Total Property Tax Increase.**

There is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the City of Mercer Island, Washington, a total property tax levy of \$14,173,221, which is \$119,778, or 0.86 percent, more than the 2020 total property tax levy, excluding the amounts for new construction and refunds related to the 2021 tax year. The foregoing property tax levy amount shall be automatically adjusted without further action of the City Council to correspond to the final assessed valuation, new construction, and refund levy totals to be received from the King County Assessor prior to December 31, 2020.

**Section 2. Authorized Follow-up Actions.**

Pursuant to RCW 84.52.020, the City Clerk is directed to certify the amount necessary to be raised by taxation as specified above to the Metropolitan King County Council. The City Finance Director is authorized and directed to transmit any adjustment made pursuant to Section 1 above to the 2021 property tax levy amount to the Metropolitan King County Council.

**Section 3. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect five days after passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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Benson Wong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:

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Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk

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Bio Park, City Attorney

Date of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_