

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. 1628**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO NOT IMPOSE TWO PARKS LEVIES FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the City has in effect a property tax levy lid lift in excess of the limit established in RCW 84.55.010 to pay the costs of operating and maintaining City parks and recreational facilities, including funding for capital projects, and operations and maintenance of Luther Burbank Park (“current parks levy”); and

WHEREAS, the current parks levy is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 22-13 on July 19, 2022, providing for the submission of a proposition to the voters for a new parks levy to pay for costs of maintaining and operating city parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities, and to fund playground replacements and forest restoration at Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space (“new parks levy”); and

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, collections for the new parks levy will begin in 2023 and continue for 15 years thereafter, replacing the current parks levy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council annually sets the final City property tax levy rates during the budget process in November/December; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the new parks levy, the City Council will end the current parks levy by setting the levy rate to zero.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Upon passage of the new parks levy, the City Council will end the current parks levy by setting the levy rate to zero to avoid collecting two parks levies. This action will take place during the normal biennial budget process conducted in November/December 2022.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AT ITS MEETING ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2022.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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Salim Nice, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Larson, City Clerk