

AB 6713

Transferring Design Review  
Decision Authority to the  
Hearing Examiner and  
Dissolving the Design  
Commission

First Reading Ord. No. 25C-14

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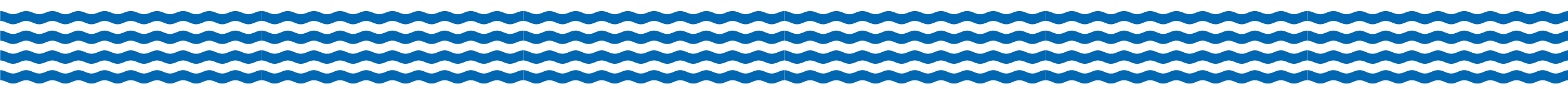
# Background

- Ordinance No. 25C-11 will adopt changes to comply with state law pertaining to objective design standards and design review (House Bill 1293).
- On June 3, the Council provided direction to (1) dissolve the Design Commission and (2) transfer design review authority to the Hearing Examiner concurrent with Ord. No. 25C-11.
- Ordinance No. 25C-14 would amend Title 3 of the Mercer Island City Code (MICC) as directed.



# Ordinance No. 25C-14

Ordinance No. 25C-14 would repeal the existing sections in Chapter 3.24 and adopt a new MICC 3.34.005:

- A. The Hearing Examiner will serve as the Design Commission for all quasi-judicial functions assigned and delegated to the Design Commission in the Mercer Island City Code. [ ... ]
  - B. All other functions and jurisdiction of the Design Commission that are not quasi-judicial are assigned and delegated to the code official.
  - C. The membership of the Design Commission is otherwise dissolved.
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# Recommended Motion

Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-14 at first reading pursuant to City Council Rules of Procedure 6.3(C)(3).

