

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 23C-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING MICC 2.06.010 TO ESTABLISH THE START TIME OF REGULAR  
MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND  
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mercer Island has previously adopted ordinances codified at chapter 2.06 of the Mercer Island City Code establishing the date and time of regular Council meetings pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that, in order to provide open and efficient operations of City Council meetings, and to promote administration of the affairs of the city, it is necessary and appropriate to amend Section 2.06.010 of the Mercer Island City Code to permanently change to the start time of regular meetings of the City Council.

WHEREAS, the City Council Regular Meetings have been starting at 5:00 pm since June 2020 when the proceedings were fully remote during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the public can attend and/or provide public testimony at Council meetings by telephone, Zoom or in person in the City Hall Council Chambers; and

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

**Section 1.** **Amended.** Section 2.06.010 of the Mercer Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Regular meetings of the city council will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 6:30 p.m.; ~~except that the regular meeting start time between June 15, 2020, and December 31, 2022 shall be 5:00 p.m.~~ When a meeting day falls on a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held on the first business day following.

**Section 2.** **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or any municipal code section amended hereby should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or the amended code section.

**Section 3:** **Publication and Effective Date.** A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after the date of publication.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, Washington at its meeting on the 3rd day of January 2023 and signed in authentication of its passage.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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Salim Nice, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

ATTEST:

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Bio Park, City Attorney

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Andrea Larson, City Clerk

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