



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

**AB 6607
January 7, 2025
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6607: Ratification of Proclamation No. 352 Ending Local Emergency	<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 Proclamation No. 352 ending the local 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. Proclamation No. 352
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to obtain City Council ratification of Proclamation No. 352 (Exhibit 1) ending the declaration of emergency related to the aftermath of the November 19, 2024 “Bomb Cyclone” windstorm (Storm).

BACKGROUND

On November 21, 2024, the City issued Proclamation No. 351 declaring a local emergency in the aftermath of the November 19, 2024 “Bomb Cyclone” windstorm. The emergency declaration was necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of Mercer Island, as well as continuity of government operations.

Impacts of the Storm included downed trees, power poles, and powerlines, and extensive debris scattered across the Island. The Storm caused significant damage to critical power infrastructure on Mercer Island and regionally. Several homes and buildings sustained damage from fallen trees. 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. The Emergency Operations Center

(EOC) was activated to a Level 2 – Partial Activation with staff from every department assisting in response efforts and warming centers were opened daily through November 24 to assist residents without power.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Through the extraordinary work by the City, local agencies, and Puget Sound Energy, the impacts from the windstorm were addressed and mitigated. City streets have been cleared of windstorm debris, and electricity, internet, and cellphone services have been restored on Mercer Island.

The state of local emergency related to the aftermath of the “Bomb Cyclone” windstorm declared in Proclamation No. 351 has ended. Proclamation No. 351 is no longer necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of Mercer Island or for continuity of government operations. It has, therefore, been lifted by the City Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Ratify Proclamation No. 352 ending the local emergency issued by the City Manager on November 21, 2025.