



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

**AB 6649
March 18, 2025
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6649: 2024 Countywide Planning Policy Amendments	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Resolution No. 1672 Ratifying Amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies.	

DEPARTMENT:	Community Planning and Development
STAFF:	Jeff Thomas, CPD Director Adam Zack, Principal Planner
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> January 2, 2025 Email from the King County Executive Regarding Amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies Resolution No. 1672 Ratifying Amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies
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 ratify or reject amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs).

- In January 2025, the City received correspondence from King County requesting ratification of amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.
- Following review, cities can ratify or reject any proposed amendment of the King County CPPs.
- At least 30 percent of cities representing 70 percent of the county population in the County must ratify an amendment of the CPPs for it to become effective.
- The CPP amendments, adopted by King County Ordinance 19871 on December 3, 2024 are not expected to affect the City of Mercer Island.

BACKGROUND

Countywide planning policies are required for counties planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA). The purpose of King County CPPs is to establish policy direction for the coordination of planning between county and city governments. The CPPs establish the King County Urban Growth Area (UGA). Under the GMA

the UGA is an area established by the County inside which urban growth is encouraged and outside which urban growth is discouraged.

King County Ordinance No. 19871 makes the following amendments to the CPPs (Exhibit 1):

- Adjusts the UGA boundary near the City of Maple Valley in southeast King County to move three parcels out of the UGA and into the Rural Area, and
- Changes CPP DP-33 and Appendix 6 of the CPPs regarding how jurisdictions meet the planning expectations for countywide centers (Exhibit 1).

Mercer Island is not classified as a countywide center and is not expected to be affected by the proposed change to the UGA. The CPP amendments proposed for ratification will not impact Mercer Island.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The amendments to the CPPs become effective once they are ratified by at least 30 percent of cities representing 70 percent of the population in King County. Cities have 90 days to ratify or reject the amendments.

The City was notified of the amendments to the CPPs on January 2, 2025 (Exhibit 1). The ratification deadline for the amended CPPs is April 2, 2025. Approving proposed Resolution No. 1672 will ratify the amended CPPs (Exhibit 2).

Please note, the Countywide Planning Policy amendments adopted in 2024 only amend the UGA near Maple Valley and the policies regarding annexation. The amendments are not expected to affect Mercer Island because the City is unlikely to annex new land.

NEXT STEPS

If the City Council approves Resolution No. 1672, the City Clerk will transmit the approved Resolution to the Clerk of the King County Council, notifying the Council that the City has ratified the Countywide Planning Policies. This transmittal will conclude the ratification process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution No. 1672 ratifying amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies.