



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6365
November 7, 2023
Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6365: Code Amendments Relating to City Fire Department (Ordinance. No. 23C-17, First Reading)	<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:	Set Ordinance No. 23C-17 for second reading and adoption at the November 21, 2023 Meeting.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Attorney
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COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Ordinance No. 23C-17
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 legal cleanup to the Mercer Island City Code (MICC) required by the City’s transition to Eastside Fire & Rescue for the provision of fire and emergency medical services beginning January 1, 2024. The MICC currently includes references to an in-house fire and emergency medical service department. Accordingly, housekeeping amendments are required for consistency.

BACKGROUND

Currently, various sections of the MICC reference the operation of an in-house fire and emergency medical services department. On July 5, 2023, the City Council approved Resolution No. 1645 ([AB 6307](#)) authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Mercer Island (City) and the non-profit corporation Eastside Fire and Rescue (EFR) for the provision of fire and emergency medical services by EFR to the City beginning on January 1, 2024. The ILA was signed by both parties on July 20, 2023. Consequently, those sections of the MICC that reference operation of an in-house fire and emergency medical services department need to be updated.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The proposed housekeeping amendments to the MICC reflect that the City is getting out of the business of providing fire and emergency medical services and will be obtaining such services through a contracted

provider. The amendments clarify that other references within the MICC that refer to the Fire Department or Fire Marshal shall refer to the City's contracted provider. Amendments are proposed to the following sections of code:

- Chapter 3.32, Police Department and Fire Department
- Chapter 3.30, Civil Service Commission
- Section 4.40.100, Firemen's relief and pension system (Funds)
- Section 3.36.030, Membership (Civil Service Commission)

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