

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. 1500**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON  
DETAILING THE CITY'S SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARDS  
FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2015 STATE MANDATED  
PERIODIC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND DELAYING THE  
PROCESS TO ALLOW FOR COMPLETION OF TOWN CENTER VISIONING.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040, the City of Mercer Island is subject to the State Growth Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.70A.130(1) requires the City of Mercer Island to take legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations, to comply with the requirements in Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline for the City of Mercer Island to update its comprehensive plan, as required by RCW 36.70A.130(5)(a), is June 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, through an analysis of the existing comprehensive plan and development regulations for consistency with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW, it was concluded updates were needed to comply with Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff presented the draft scope of work for the comprehensive plan update on February 3, 2014, and the City Council reached consensus on support of the draft scope of work; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council formally approved the scope of work on July 21, 2014 via adoption of the 2014 Planning Commission Work Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the comprehensive plan update over the course of eight public meetings during which opportunities for public comment were provided; and

**WHEREAS**, an open record public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on November 19, 2014 to consider the draft comprehensive plan update, and the Planning Commission subsequently forwarded a recommended comprehensive plan to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, notice of proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce at least sixty days prior to adoption of said amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council reviewed and discussed the recommended update on May 4, 2015 and May 18, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2014, the City Council commenced a process to review and revise Mercer Island's Town Center Development and Design Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Center Development and Design Guidelines process will be complete after the June 30, 2015 deadline for submitting an updated Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, more time is needed to fully incorporate public input from the Town Center process into the Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, continuous review of the comprehensive plan has been conducted over the previous year and a half; and

**WHEREAS**, opportunities for public comment have been provided throughout the comprehensive plan update process and public involvement has been encouraged by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has demonstrated intent to comply with the Washington State Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, and substantial progress has been made towards updating the City's comprehensive plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The Mercer Island City Council needs more time to complete the public engagement process for the Town Center Development and Design Guidelines Update, which will inform the Comprehensive Plan update.

**SECTION 2.** The Mercer Island City Council intends to continue its review of the comprehensive plan update past the deadline of June 30, 2015, as established by RCW 36.70A.130(5)(a), to conduct a thoughtful, methodical analysis to most effectively encapsulate the desired vision for the City.

**SECTION 3.** The Mercer Island City Council anticipates adoption of the state mandated periodic 2015 Comprehensive Plan update upon completion of the Town Center visioning process.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND,  
WASHINGTON, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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Bruce Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Allison Spietz, City Clerk