ORDINANCE NO. 5425


WHEREAS, the State Legislature recently passed House Bill 1016, effective July 25, 2021, establishing the nineteenth day of June, recognized as Juneteenth, as a state legal holiday in remembrance for the day news of the Emancipation Proclamation and the end of the Civil War reached Galveston, Texas and all enslaved persons were released from bondage; and

WHEREAS, in order to recognize this day, the City Council desires to amend provisions of the Bremerton Municipal Code to establish Juneteenth as a legal holiday for the City; NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREMERTON, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1.02.020 of the Bremerton Municipal Code entitled "Legal Holidays" is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.02.020 LEGAL HOLIDAYS
   (a) The following holidays are adopted as legal holidays for the City: The first day of January (New Year’s Day); the third Monday of January (Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday); the third Monday of February (President’s Day); the last Monday of May (Memorial Day); the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth); the fourth day of July (Independence Day); the first Monday in September (Labor Day); the eleventh day in November (Veteran’s Day); the fourth Thursday and Friday in November (Thanksgiving holiday); the twenty-fifth day of December (Christmas Day); and any other day designated by public proclamation of the Chief Executive of the State as a legal holiday or as a day of thanksgiving.
   (b) Whenever a legal holiday falls upon a Sunday, the following Monday shall be a legal holiday, and whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a legal holiday.

SECTION 2. Subsection 2.50.040(b) of the Bremerton Municipal Code entitled "Holiday Time" is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Holiday Time. Managers and professional staff shall receive a full day of time off without loss of compensation for each holiday observed by the City on the day the City observes the holiday and one additional floating holiday. Holidays observed by the City are:

New Year’s Day
Martin Luther King’s Birthday

Juneteenth
President’s Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran’s Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas

In addition, similar time off without loss of compensation is granted for any other holiday which the City Council takes specific official action to observe.

SECTION 3. Juneteenth — Effective Date. Consistent with House Bill 1016, Juneteenth shall first be recognized as a City holiday June 19, 2022.

SECTION 4. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener, clerical, typographical, and spelling errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force ten (10) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council the 16th day of June, 2021.

KEVIN GORMAN, Council President

Approved this 23rd day of June, 2021.

GREG WHEELER, Mayor
PUBLISHED the 18 day of June, 2021.
EFFECTIVE the 28 day of June, 2021.
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