



# City of Mercer Island, Washington

## ORDER PROHIBITING DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS DUE TO EXTREME FIRE DANGER

**WHEREAS**, the City Council granted, through MICC 8.35.040, the local fire official the discretion and authority to prohibit the discharge of all fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger at Mercer Island; and

**WHEREAS**, MICC 8.35.040 was adopted in accordance with RCW 70.77.250(4); and

**WHEREAS**, increased above average high and low sustained temperatures, low relative humidity, active drying of small fuels (F100) and increased Energy Release Component (ERC) measurements all indicate an abnormal extreme forecasting model continuing for the next 10 days; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the ignition potential of trees, shrubs, bushes, and other combustible items is significantly increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of fireworks can significantly increase the chances of the ignition of fires, depletion of fire department resources, and major fire spread;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned local fire official of the City of Mercer Island, in consultation with and with the agreement of the City Manager, orders as follows:

Effective immediately, discharge of all fireworks within the city limits of Mercer Island is prohibited pursuant to MICC 8.35.040, because Mercer Island is experiencing a period of extreme fire danger. Unless rescinded sooner, this order shall expire at 12:01 AM on July 6, 2021.

Under MICC 1.16.020 and 8.35.030, anyone who illegally discharges fireworks in the City limits of Mercer Island in violation of this order may be subject to criminal prosecution or civil penalty in the amount of \$500 for each violation.

**SIGNED**, this 29th day of June 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Clark", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Clark  
Interim Fire Chief

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessi Bon", written over a horizontal line.

Jessi Bon  
City Manager