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ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - ____

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, relating to the establishment of an electrical utility pursuant to RCW 35.92.050, specifying the plan for the acquisition of electrical facilities, declaring the estimated cost thereof, and submitting this ordinance for ratification or rejection by majority vote of the voters of the City of Bainbridge Island at the [date] [general or special] election

WHEREAS, RCW 35.92.050 authorizes the City of Bainbridge Island to “construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, alter, maintain and operate works, plants, facilities for the purpose of furnishing the city or town and its inhabitants, and any other persons, with gas, electricity, and other means of power and facilities”; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2015, the City Council directed the City Manager to develop a plan that will provide the Council and community with comprehensive information to help make a decision on electric power service on Bainbridge Island; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2015, Island Power, a Bainbridge Island Community Organization in support of creation of a municipally-owned electrical utility, , presented the City Council with a 1,200-signature petition requesting that the City consider putting on the 2016 ballot an ordinance establishing a City-owned electric utility; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2015, the City Council directed the City Manager to prepare a request for proposals including a scope of work for the City’s selection of a consultant tasked with studying the viability of municipalization of an electrical utility; and

WHEREAS, in late 2015, the City Manager formed a task force comprised of 16 members of the community to assist with the development of a request for proposals, consultant selection, and report review for a study that will consider the viability of electric utility municipalization; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2016, the City issued an RFP for an electrical municipalization feasibility study; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The recitals, above, set forth in the “whereas” clauses are incorporated by this reference as findings of fact.

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Section 2. Proposed Plan for Acquisition of Electrical Facilities. The City adopts the Plan for Acquisition of Electrical Facilities attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 3. Declaration of Cost. The estimated cost of acquisition of electrical facilities pursuant to the Plan identified in Section 2, above, is \$_____.

Section 4. Submittal of Ordinance for Ratification or Rejection by Majority Vote. This Ordinance shall be submitted to the voters at the next special or general election for ratification or rejection of a majority of the voters of the City of Bainbridge Island. Pursuant to RCW 35.92.070(4), Thirty days' notice of the election must be given by publication in the official newspaper at least once each week between the effective date of this Ordinance and the general or special election.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this _____ day of _____, 2016.

_____, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

Rosalind D. Lassoff, CMC, City Clerk

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