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King County Records and Elections Division

PETITION CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the citizen petition for a no-shooting zone in unincorporated King County, known as the Ravensdale No Shooting Petition submitted on April 19, 2001, to the King County Records and Elections Division, which concerns the establishment of firearm discharge prohibitions in a portion of unincorporated southeast King County, has been examined, the signatures thereon carefully compared with the voter registration records of the King County Records and Elections Division, and as a result of such examination, found to be sufficient under the provisions of the Revised Code of Washington.



Dated this 6th day of August, 2001.

Robert Bruce, Manager

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P.O. Box 472 Ravensdale, WA 98051 April 10, 2001

King County Council 516 3rd Ave. Rm. 1200 Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council Members:

I/we as elector-residents of Ravensdale hereby petition you to consider the creation of a no shooting area in King County defined as follows: All of Section 33, Township 22 North, Range 7 East, W.M., together with that portion of Section 34, Township 22 North, Range 7 East, W.M., lying south of the Kent Kangley Road (SR 516).

We also petition that this prohibition not apply to protection of persons and property. Petition signatures are enclosed.

There are four main reasons we feel the shooting of firearms should not be allowed in this area:

- The noise impacting the surrounding area is disturbing, and the stray bullets projecting onto private property is unsafe.
- With Sugarloaf Mountain purchased through the TDC program, there will be an increase in passive recreation within this entire area.
- 3. During hunting season, large numbers of hunters frequent the area. They put themselves in jeopardy, they also put children in jeopardy with the number of school bus stops along Kent Kangley Road and other surrounding streets.
- 4. There are safer alternatives for target shooters. Cascade Rifle and Pistol Club along with the King County Shooting Sports Park are located within 20 blocks. Special treatment is used to provide the safest shooting environment at these establishments.

Enclosed are a number of materials to help you decide on this matter. There is a detailed map of the area. The area under consideration is shaded. Also, we have included a computer generated aerial photograph that puts the area into better perspective. The area outlined in the photo is the area under consideration. The circled area is a small gravel area where we would estimate 250-750 rounds of gunfire are shot in an average week. The area just to the west of this gravel space was recently clear cut for timber. Now there are very few trees to absorb stray bullets shot by target shooters and hunters. This poses more danger to bike riders, hikers, and horseback riders who already frequent the area. Finally, two articles have been retrieved which depict a couple of most recent events that happened in the immediate area.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

James P. Moore

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