



## King County

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March 12, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, enable King County to execute a new lease at an existing location for the Department of Natural Resources and Parks with the Department of the Army for the land located at 18205 Southeast Cougar Mountain Drive.

This land provides public pass-through access to the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, which provides recreational activities such as hiking trails, bird watching, and horseback riding trails. The execution of this lease supports the provision of King County operations and services.

This transaction is recommended per the rationale and considerations provided in the attached property summary.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

If your staff have any questions, contact Lisa Pearson, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-263-9238.

The Honorable Sarah Perry

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karan Gill', written over a horizontal line.

for

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cc: King County Councilmembers  
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