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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance, that, if enacted, would update King County's permit review procedure Code standards to be consistent with the current requirements of the Revised Code of Washington, chapter 36.70B. This chapter was updated during the 2023 state legislative session to require local governments to set specified time limits on permit review.

Approval of this proposed legislation would update the time limits on permit review in the King County Code to align with state law. Some exceptions to these time limits are detailed in the proposed Ordinance to provide extra review time under special circumstances, as allowed by state law. The proposed Ordinance would also make complementary code changes to streamline the permit review process and maintain internal consistency within the code.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. These proposed legislative changes will help accelerate and streamline the permit review process and will keep King County's code consistent with state law.

If your staff have questions, please contact Jim Chan, Director, Permitting Division, Department of Local Services, at 206-477-0385.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff

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