



## King County

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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize King County to enter into a non-exclusive franchise agreement with King County Water District 123. The franchise agreement authorizes the placement and operation of its water distribution system facilities in certain road rights-of-way in unincorporated King County and sets forth negotiated terms, conditions, and limitations for such use. This legislation package is companion to the updated Water District 123 comprehensive plan approved by the King County Utilities Technical Review Committee (UTRC) and the King County Council (Ordinance #19158).

Approval of this right-of-way franchise furthers the King County Strategic Plan guiding principle of Financial Sustainability by managing the County's risk through insurance and bond requirements and reserving the County's right to require franchise compensation.

A draft press release and hearing notice are attached. Per KCC 6.27.050 (c) and RCW 36.55.040, the County shall set a time and a notice of a public hearing for each franchise permit application. A posted notice of such hearing is required in three public places fifteen days before the hearing and publish notice twice in some daily newspaper in the County not less than five days before the hearing.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Anthony Wright, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-477-9352.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine".

Dow Constantine

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Enclosure

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