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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 add a new chapter to King County Code Title 3 formalizing the requirements for statutory public official surety bonds for certain officers and employees per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.16.050, RCW 2.32.180, and RCW 3.34.090.

The proposed legislation identifies functional equivalent positions since, as a Charter county, many of the positions identified in RCW 36.16.050 are appointed and not elected positions. The proposed legislation also formalizes bonding requirements for Superior Court reporters and District Court judges, judges pro tempore, clerk, and employees according to RCW 2.32.180 and RCW 3.34.090. The proposed legislation allows for the procurement of blanket surety bonds.

The Office of Risk Management Services currently procures, and will continue to procure, the required public official surety bonds. The proposed legislation sets bond amounts for elected officers in accordance with the schedule set forth in RCW 36.16.050, which allows for the bond amounts for certain non-elected positions to be determined by the Council. The proposed legislation includes recommended bond amounts for Director of the Department of Judicial Administration, Director of Records and Licensing Services Division, District Court, and Treasurer to be approved by the Council.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.


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If your staff have questions, please contact Gina Colorossi, Senior Insurance and Contracts Analyst, Office of Risk Management Services at 206-263-8853.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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