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May 15, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if adopted, make technical corrections to the noxious weed control program assessments, establish an effective date, and amend Ordinances 13325 and 20004 and amend King County Code 4A.670.200.

Ordinance 20004, adopted as part of the 2026–2027 King County biennial budget, updated assessment rates for the King County noxious weed control program. Due to a scrivener's error, several numerical values were inaccurately represented when spelled out in Ordinance 20004. This proposed Ordinance corrects these errors.

The discrepancies between the intended rates and the adopted text would reduce annual noxious weed control program revenues by an estimated \$45,000 beginning in 2026. The table below shows the intended classification assessments and the implemented assessment currently being charged in 2026. The proposed Ordinance does not include a retroactive assessment of parcels, only the technical correction of the assessment amounts starting in 2027.

	Ordinance 20004	Intent	Difference
Property Not Classified as Forest Land			
Per parcel	\$8.00122	\$8.12200	\$0.12078
Per Acre	\$0.58000	\$0.58010	\$0.00010
Property Classified as Forest Land			
Per parcel	\$0.81002	\$0.81220	\$0.00218
Per Acre	\$0.05008	\$0.05800	\$0.00792

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have questions, please contact Josh Baldi, Division Director of the Water and Land Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-9440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karan Gill". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "K" and "G".

for

Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
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