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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 Motion that would, if approved, extend a waiver of public advertising and competitive procurement requirements under an Emergency Proclamation that I made on December 8, 2025. Extending this Emergency Proclamation enables King County to expedite work for the immediate preservation of public health, safety, and order, and the prevention of damage to public property (and restoration of such property to a condition of usefulness, as such property may have been damaged). It further enables the County to relieve loss, hardship, and suffering due to severe storms and flooding conditions, potential for anticipated further flooding, landslides and burn scar debris flows, and high winds conditions, as well as urgent recovery activities.

The Emergency Proclamation requires that contracts executed under the waiver provision for competitive procurements must take place within 21 calendar days, which would be December 29, 2025, unless extended by Motion. Due to the risk of another significant weather system and the vital nature of some recovery activities, there is an urgent need to quickly procure the services and equipment needed to respond to this continuing emergency.

Action on this Motion is requested on or before December 29, 2025, which is when the Emergency Proclamation expires. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

The Honorable Sarah Perry

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If your staff have any questions about this Proclamation please contact Brendan McCluskey, Director of the King County Office of Emergency Management, at 206-205-4060.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Zahilay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
 ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff
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