



## King County

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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 would, if enacted, authorize King County to enter into interlocal agreements with the Renton Regional Fire Authority and the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority allowing these agencies to provide fire inspection services of existing businesses within unincorporated King County. Approval of this proposed legislation would allow these two fire agencies to conduct inspections, collect fees, issue correction notices of fire code violations, and issue fire permits within the portions of their respective jurisdictions in unincorporated King County. The King County Fire Marshal maintains authority over fire inspection services under the ILA.

The interlocal agreements provide the opportunity for local fire districts, who have greater familiarity with the communities they serve, and who provide fire protection services to the same communities, to conduct inspection services. Additionally, inspections provided by local fire districts, rather than King County, is more efficient because of the districts' proximity to the locations they are inspecting. The County previously entered into similar interlocal agreements with several fire districts approximately ten years ago.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. The interlocal agreements with fire agencies will provide fire inspection services through efficient and effective use of County resources.

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

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

Sincerely

 for

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Enclosure

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