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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 fireworks enforcement Ordinance in response to the requirements of Ordinance 19276. A fireworks enforcement study report is transmitted concurrently with this proposed Ordinance. If enacted, the proposed Ordinance would make the code changes needed to implement the recommendations of that report.

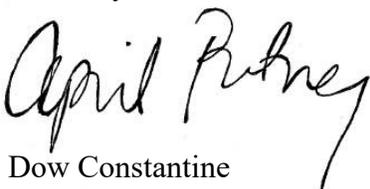
In developing this proposed legislation, the Department of Local Services (DLS) met with nine community groups across King County to engage in question-and-answer sessions on the fireworks ban and potential enforcement measures. DLS also met with representatives from the fire districts within unincorporated King County to vet enforcement options. A specific goal of the public engagement process was to gain a better understanding of community perspectives and concerns, particularly communities of color, with the aim of reducing disproportionate representation of black, indigenous, and people of color in the criminal legal system.

This proposed Ordinance supports the efficient, accountable regional and local government goal of the King County Strategic Plan. It also reflects the vision of King County's Strategic Plan, where King County is a place all people have equitable opportunities to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

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

Sincerely,

 for

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The Honorable Claudia Balducci

June 16, 2022

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Enclosure

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