



## 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, if enacted, would vacate King County's interest in a portion of 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE right-of-way containing an area of approximately 6,250 square feet located in the Renton area of unincorporated King County.

Adoption of the proposed Ordinance will convert this right-of-way to the private use and ownership of the petitioners Micah and Florine Palmer. Upon vacation, the County will no longer be responsible for maintenance or management of this portion of right-of-way and the public will benefit in the form of returning the property to the property tax rolls.

The findings in the attached County Road Engineer's Report for this road vacation show that the subject right-of-way has no use as part of the County road system and that the public would benefit by the vacation of this right-of-way to the petitioners. It is the recommendation of the County Road Engineer and the Director of the Road Services Division within the Department of Local Services that the vacation be approved with the condition of payment of compensation consistent with the application of the compensation model prepared by the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget.

The procedure for vacation of the subject portion of right-of-way is set forth in King County Code (KCC) 14.40 and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 36.87, which establishes the right of abutting property owners to petition a County legislative body for the vacation of road rights-of-way.

After introduction of the proposed Ordinance and the establishment of a public hearing date by the Hearing Examiner, a notice of the public hearing will be posted at the site of the road vacation. After the public hearing, the Hearing Examiner will prepare final recommendations to the King County Council. Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner will be heard by the Council per KCC 14.40.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have questions, please contact Tricia Davis, Director of Road Services Division, at 206-263-9690.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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