

May 22, 2017

The Honorable Joe McDermott
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott,

This letter transmits an ordinance containing code amendments that will update the shorelines and other related sections of the King County Code. It will enable King County to provide clearer and more specific regulations for citizens of the County.

This Shorelines Code Amendments ordinance clarifies sections of the King County Code with regard to definitions, requirements for applications, and regulations pertaining to uses. These provisions address issues that citizens have brought to DPER's attention as well as items that DPER has found. They cover areas such as public access, trails, allowed alterations, alteration exceptions, and wetlands.

These provisions will result in benefits to the public by making the shorelines regulations easier to understand.

- Promotes efficiency by clarifying the regulations
- Improves customer service by making it easier to understand

It furthers the King County Strategic Plan goals by delivering services that are responsive to community needs for clearer and more specific regulations.

Required public notice and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Procedures

In accordance with KCC 20.18.110, the Shorelines Code Amendments ordinance must be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation at least thirty days before the Council's public hearing. Under KCC 20.18.150 and RCW 36.70A.106, within ten days of adoption, the Council must transmit the Shorelines Code Amendments ordinance to the state and provide published notice in the official county newspaper. SEPA review is underway and will be completed in advance of any action by the King County Council.

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Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. This important legislation will help King County residents more easily use and be more confident in the regulations that govern the County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Starbard, director, Department of Planning and Environmental Review, at 206-477-0382.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

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