

Public Comments on Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241.2

Winery, Brewery Distillery Code Changes

Received October 4, 2019 through

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Auzins, Erin

From: Kseniya Klos <Ksunya14@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 12:19 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Keep commercial businesses out of Sammamish Valley rural neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas

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From: Ville Koskela <ville@koskelafamily.com>
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Sincerely,
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From: Marshall Leroy <alkimarketgarden@gmail.com>
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From: Marian Wineman <mwineman@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:30 AM
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Sincerely,
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From: Glenda Cooper <gjc.myvoice@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 12:28 PM
To: kcexec@kingcounty.gov; Dembowski, Rod; Dunn, Reagan; von Reichbauer, Pete; Gossett, Larry; Lambert, Kathy; McDermott, Joe; Kohl-Welles, Jeanne; Upthegrove, Dave; Balducci, Claudia; Auzins, Erin; Wolf, Karen
Subject: Adult Beverage Ordinance

Have you ever driven down SR202 or walked along the Sammamish River Valley Trail on a sunny day with big, fluffy clouds, blue skies and a glorious Mt Rainier in the background? Or even on a classic PNW rainy, blustery morning? Have you taken a moment to appreciate the grace and power these lands have? Have you stopped for a moment and thought about what a loss it would be if this was all taken away? How horrid it would be if a handful of people made decisions that stripped this beauty away from the communities forever? From our children?

Please don't vote to allow the destruction of a beautiful valley and precious resource. A vote in favor of this ordinance will forever change the communities surrounding this valley. A handful of illegal businesses shouldn't be rewarded for breaking the rules. These communities shouldn't suffer because King County didn't enforce the rules it had. And these communities shouldn't suffer more harm thru added traffic, increased land pollution, over commercialization, rising costs and simple disregard for peace and nature. These things will be the result of opening up these zones to more businesses. Our community does not want to be a test or demonstration area for activities that shouldn't be there to start with. If you allow businesses to move in, then they are there to stay. The community will pay the consequences for the added stress on the infrastructure, resources, land and our souls. Please, stop, and think about it.

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From: Alisa Bell <alisa@gallabell.net>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 2:31 PM
To: kcexec@kingcounty.gov; Dembowski, Rod; Dunn, Reagan; von Reichbauer, Pete; Gossett, Larry; Lambert, Kathy; McDermott, Joe; Kohl-Welles, Jeanne; Upthegrove, Dave; Balducci, Claudia; Auzins, Erin; Wolf, Karen
Subject: Input regarding Adult Beverage Ordinance

Dear King County Council Members,

I have submitted written input for past meetings and appreciate the opportunity to do so again for the upcoming October 7 meeting regarding the Adult Beverage Ordinance Legislation vote.

Historically as every vote date approaches Hollywood Hill Association (HHA) routes emails promoting the agenda of the Save Our Sammamish Valley (SOSV) group that was formed by some members in our community. I feel that these groups use scare mongering tactics and misrepresent facts in order to build their support base and want to contribute my input about potential discussion points.

To begin with, because the Agricultural land is legally protected in the valley, the claims made by HHA and FOSV that expansion of the wine district will harm Ag land seem misguided. If anything, careful planning, guidelines and regulations will only protect the lands in question and provide revenue to provide for ongoing protection of those lands. Some properties, such as Matthews, are across the main road from the valley, and enhance the rural nature of this area along the main road. Establishing tasting room guidelines for properties across the road from the valley would allow for expansion of the wine district and expand tourism while at the same time lesson the threat of indiscriminate building that could happen with existing codes.

Claims about traffic and noise are also overstated. I live on the main road a couple of properties from Matthews and there are no noise issues whatsoever from them, even on Friday nights when they have live music. We can clearly hear concerts being held at Chateau St. Michelle and used to hear the movies at Red Hook from our house. I have not heard anyone complaining about those when presenting winery noise as a concern.

In regards to the argument about increased traffic, while there is definitely more activity around the tourist district than there used to be it is far less than the tremendous increase in commuter traffic during weekdays from population growth in our outlying areas and the limited roads that feed business hubs.

I am hopeful that the Council will look beyond the influence of the well-organized and well-funded efforts of HHA and FOSV and logically evaluate the economic benefits to King County, Woodinville and the larger region in finding a way to allow more tasting rooms and help this area become the vibrant destination that it has the potential to be.

I've lived in my house for over twenty years and have repeatedly seen HHA monopolize local opinions because they have the capital and very vocal members, and while I haven't always disagreed with them in this case I think their stance is detrimental to the Woodinville tourist area and the town that I've called home for many years.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this ruling and for taking the time to fully evaluate the long-term ramifications of this decision.

Sincerely,
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From: Carolyne Howley <cwhowley@aol.com>
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Sincerely,
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From: Elizabeth Latz <elizzlebizzle@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 8:33 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
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Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

The farms, residents, and wildlife need the buffer areas. As growth has occurred in other buffer areas, it has not historically reversed. There is space available for commercial business operation in other areas of Woodinville. Please stand firm in preventing development in the rural and buffer zones of the Sammamish Valley. Please save our agricultural areas, enable the farmers to afford to stay, and maintain the beauty that is the rural zone and buffer areas.

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Sincerely,
Dawn Weller
19115 156th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: Ken Albinger <ken.albinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 12:25 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Keep commercial businesses out of Sammamish Valley rural neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I am writing to urge you to vote against the ordinance.

This ordinance is fundamentally flawed and founded on the wrong assumptions, in my view, for the following reasons:

1. It would open the Sammamish Valley, the Snoqualmie Valley, and other rural area neighborhoods and important farmland buffer areas to commercial development throughout King County, damaging the valleys they abut.
2. The Growth Management Act set aside specific areas for farmland, watersheds and rural land to be protected from commercial development. The urban growth areas (cities) were designed for this commercial development.
3. In Woodinville, the Wineries, breweries and distilleries have thrived. All but a few have built on land designated for commercial development. But a few built in rural residential areas, where they are not permitted and most built without going through the County's permit process. Your ordinance allows them to stay in these poor locations and also opens additional rural land to commercial uses, contrary to good land use standards.
4. These poor locations are not allowed by existing code because they lack the basic public safety and health provisions; safe turn lanes, properly dispose of sewer, properly drain and treat parking lot runoff, sidewalks for pedestrians and area lighting. They are therefore unsafe and should not be allowed to continue in operation at these locations.
5. Allowing WBD to rent or buy land in the Agricultural Production Districts is a shameful giveaway. WBDs can afford high land prices and will drive the cost of land out of the reach of farmers and bonified agricultural users. This is a travesty! We the county residents have already bought about half of the development rights of the land in these areas specifically to deter development. **DO NOT GIVE AWAY APD DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS!!**

I urge you to abandon this poorly founded ordinance. The violators should be denied long term use of their locations and the County should inform them they will be given some reasonable time to move.

I believe this ordinance violates your responsibility to the vast majority of residents to see the existing laws upheld and the preservation of farmland and rural neighborhoods stay intact.

Sincerely,
Ken Albinger
11819 103rd Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

Auzins, Erin

From: Jan Wachholz <janwachholz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 12:26 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
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Please vote no and keep our valley as lovely as it is today!

Respectfully,
Jan Wachholz
Woodinville, WA

Sincerely,
Jan Wachholz
15509 134th PL NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: Carolyn Tanksley <ctanksley@comcast.net>
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Sincerely,
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14551 166th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

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Ed Ries
15108 - 168th Ave NE
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From: Wendy Condrat <wcondrat@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 3:26 PM
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Sincerely,
Wendy Condrat
17145 131st Ave NE O 316
Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: None None <teleho4snow@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 3:51 PM
To: kcexec@kingcounty.gov; Dembowski, Rod; Dunn, Reagan; von Reichbauer, Pete; Gossett, Larry; Lambert, Kathy; McDermott, Joe; Kohl-Welles, Jeanne; Upthegrove, Dave; Balducci, Claudia; Auzins, Erin; Wolf, Karen
Subject: Adult Beverage Ordinance - Balducci version & others

Hello,

I am impressed by the level of effort going into the revisions of the Sammamish Valley Adult Beverage Ordinance and applaud your efforts.

I have some basic questions for your consideration during these revisions;

- 1) Why do the eight violators of the existing ordinance get "special consideration" under these new ordinance revisions when there are 130+ existing winery related business that are following the current ordinance?
- 2) These eight violators seem to be a problem of ordinance enforcement (limited staffing, etc) not a need for ordinance revisions.....again, 130+ businesses seem to understand the current ordinance.
- 3) If revision to the existing ordinance is needed, and it is an enforcement problem, then who is going to enforce the new ordinances? The same problems will continue with a few businesses ignoring the new ordinances while the majority of businesses comply.
- 4) The Sammamish Valley has protections/ordinances to preserve a special place and allow for agricultural business activities. I see these ordinance changes diminishing the original reasons for Sammamish Valley protections leading to an ultimate loss of the valley (i.e.; similar to what the Kent valley looks like now).

Remember, once it is lost it cannot (and will not) go back its "roots" (pun intended)....agricultural.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Owen
30+ year Woodinville resident (Snohomish County)
Woodinville business supporter (including wine tasting rooms)

Auzins, Erin

From: Kristin Bernhart <kristinbernhart@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 5:59 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Keep commercial businesses out of Sammamish Valley rural neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Dear King County Council Members,

I am a CSA Member at the Root Connection Farm located at 3653 Redmond-Woodinville Rd NE, Redmond, WA 98052. Several years ago, I sought farms with CSAs to access fresh, local, seasonal vegetables for my family. I participated in a CSA near Duvall/Carnation unencumbered by development, but then found a better fit at the Root Connection, which has a 30 plus year history of providing healthy produce to the community with a fantastic array of vegetables, near down-town Woodinville. At the time I wondered about the impacts of traffic, road run-off, and development, to the farm, but once I experienced the farm, I was confident it could maintain it's agricultural standard so close to development.

As a returning Root Connection CSA member, I appreciate the struggles small, local farms experience trying to stay productive in a competitive food market in order to provide their communities, us, the benefit of fresh, local food. I am a staunch supporter of CSAs as food insecurity world-wide threatens to affect more of us. The Root Connection provides a service to our community beyond CSA members - it donates fresh produce to local organizations serving those in need so they too may benefit from high quality food they may not otherwise have access to.

As a CSA member considering my options to participate next season, I have become aware of a risk to the farm I support, the risk of opening the part of the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District and adjacent districts across the road to further commercial development. Friends of Sammamish Valley have detailed the concerns of the ordinance and have come up with options to protect the land for agricultural use which I support (detailed in emails sent to you by FoSV).

As a resident of Woodinville and a CSA supporter and member, I am asking you to oppose the Adult Beverage Ordinance legislation as it currently is written, and to not open up the Agricultural Production District and adjacent zones to further commercial development. Please help protect our farmer's land so they may continue to produce quality food for our community. It would be a huge loss to our community if our farmers in the affected region were priced out of their land or could no longer grow organic quality food due to factors from commercial development including pollution/water contamination/land use erosion. Farming in a way that stewards the land and protects the region's habitat while producing quality food is hard enough as it is. We need more supports, rather than obstacles, for our farmers for the important work they do.

Thank you for carefully considering this important issue to our community, our region, and our well-being.

Sincerely,
Kristin Bernhart

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Kristin Bernhart
22811 NE 202ND ST WOODINVILLE
Woodinville, WA 98077

Auzins, Erin

From: Katherine Ragan <kathyra@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 7:47 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Keep commercial businesses out of Sammamish Valley rural neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Dear Council Members-

I am so concerned that actions being considered will cause irreparable damage to the valley that we love. Our house that enjoys the rural view, we play along the Sammamish slough with bikes and walks, we belong to the Root Connection and eating organic food that will be put out of business if we don't continue to protect the agriculture valley that millions of dollars have already been spent and backed by legislature to sustain. Why were the environment impact studies not done? Why would we overlook that to allow very few businesses to benefit by adding to the adult beverage trade in agriculture areas. They are doing just fine in areas designated for those businesses, they don't need to kill the farms. The fish would die with the runoff. The traffic would be insane too, no fix for the 202.

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Sincerely,
Katherine Ragan
12913 169th Ave NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Auzins, Erin

From: Jerry Rettig <jcrettig3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 9:08 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
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Jerry Rettig

14617 168th Avenue NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

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From: Michelle Clinton <smileymichelle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 10:59 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
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Michelle Clinton
18531 134th Pl NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: Laura Natusch <laura.natusch@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 11:02 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
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Laura Natusch

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Laura Natusch

17917 140th LN NE apt 136
Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: Jim Dockstader <jwdock@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 12:25 AM
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16413 NE 135th Street
Redmond, WA 98052

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Sincerely,
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Auzins, Erin

From: Jennifer Horner <JENMAASSEN@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Horner
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WOODINVILLE, WA 98077

From: [Susan Boundy-Sanders](#)
To: [Communications, Comments; Auzins, Erin](#)
Cc: [Holbrook, Garrett; Camenzind, Krista](#)
Subject: Beverage ordinance comments
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019 12:41:19 PM
Attachments: [20191006SQBCommentsToCoW.docx](#)

Dear County Council:

Thank you for your continued careful attention to the Beverage Ordinance, 2018-0241. Please review the attached comments, requesting fixes to the ordinance.

Many thanks,

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6 October 2019

To the Committee of the Whole:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the current version of Ordinance 2018-0241.

I ask that the following shortcomings of Ordinance 2018-0241 be remedied before passage:

Issue	Rationale	Location in CM Balducci's S1 of 9/16/2019
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Many thanks,

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Auzins, Erin

From: Dr. Roger Myers <Roger.M.Myers@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 2:34 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Keep commercial businesses out of Sammamish Valley rural neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I'm writing to urge you to vote against the ordinance allowing adult beverage businesses into the Sammamish Valley Rural Area. The King County Council should instead enforce existing legislation and remove the businesses that are inside the Rural Area. Allowing the illegal businesses currently existing to remain will continue the damage that they do to our neighborhood and rewards these illegal businesses. Allowing further business growth in the Rural Area will increase the damage to farmland, environmental quality, and quality of life in the Sammamish Valley. We have lived here for 23 years and moved here specifically because of its rural character. There is plenty of room for more adult beverage businesses inside the Urban Growth area - there is no need to expand the RA!

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From: Joan Kleps <jkleps@sonic.net>
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From: Neal Anderson <sagan2112@yahoo.com>
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From: Sara Suter <sfsuter@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:15 PM
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Woodinville, WA 98072

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From: Devon Kellogg <devonkellogg@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:51 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
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From: Maureen Sunn <sunnm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 7:57 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
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Redmond, WA 98053

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From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:19 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Balducci Striking Amendment

-----Original Message-----

From: Heather Duenaz <duenaz@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:53 PM
To: Lambert, Kathy <Kathy.Lambert@kingcounty.gov>
Cc: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Balducci Striking Amendment

Hi Kathy and council! I'm writing to you today to urge you not to approve the Balducci striking amendment. Please work with the wineries in the area so they can keep their businesses intact.

Woodinville is such a wonderful place to visit and go wine tasting. The wineries are beautiful and help showcase the wine industry of our state. Sitting outside at wineries like Matthews enjoying their wines and beautiful grounds is an amazing experience that should be allowed to continue.

Thank you,

Heather Duenaz
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Sammamish, WA 98075

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:22 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: WBD Ordinance 2018-0421.2 comments

From: josh@wwi.wine <josh@wwi.wine>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: WBD Ordinance 2018-0421.2 comments

To: King County Council
From: Washington Wine Institute
Re: Balducci Striking Amendment to WBD Ordinance 2018-0421.2

Dear King County Councilmembers

I am writing you on behalf of the Washington Wine Institute, which for the past 36 years has been the statewide trade association for the Washington State wine industry, as well as our winery members impacted by Ordinance 2018-0421.2, the Alcohol Beverage Manufacturing legislation before you at this moment. The impacted wineries, and our industry, worked with the County and other stakeholders in good faith and with the best intentions for the past four years towards a final set of rules and regulations that work for the county and our industry. Unfortunately, I am writing you today to be loud and clear that the Balducci Striking Amendment to proposed ordinance 2018-0421.2 before you does not meet this standard and needs significant work before any such changes to the proposed ordinance is adopted.

Several components of the Balducci striking amendment will effectively put impacted wineries out of business. We do not use these words loosely, as we know you hear such concerns from other industries often, but in this moment such a statement is simply a fact. For example, reducing retail space within a winery to 15% of the overall space, when the greater Sammamish Valley beer/wine/spirits has built itself, and the county has authorized and allowed to exist over the past 20 years as a retail space for these business, is damning alone. Add to this already unworkable rule the extreme restriction on parking, and you create a reality that effectively kills these businesses and the millions of dollars we generate each year in tourism within the greater Sammamish area and County overall. The message sent will be, "if you want to enjoy Washington wine country, go somewhere else."

Finally, we have legal analysis that supports the fact that only the state, through the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, and the federal government, through the Alcohol Tax and Trade Bureau, are authorized to license the manufacturing and sale of alcohol beverages in Washington State. RCW 66.08.121 in our state statute clearly defines this role in Washington State, including specifically stating that local governments may not license our industry in the manner the current version of the ordinance attempts to do. We strongly suggest this section of the current ordinance be removed to avoid conflicting with state law.

In closing, we ask that the King County Council not vote on the Balducci Striking Amendment to this proposed ordinance. Instead, please return to the negotiation table and work with our impacted wineries and all stakeholders that carry good intentions to work out the challenges and bring forward an ordinance that all stakeholders in good faith can support.

Kind Regards

Josh McDonald
Executive Director
WA Wine Institute



Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:25 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Woodinville wineries - Balducci amendment

From: Serge B. <sergeb@submain.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:55 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Cc: Lambert, Kathy <Kathy.Lambert@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Woodinville wineries - Balducci amendment

Dear Council Members,

I have learned recently that there is a proposal by council member Balducci to change some requirements for wineries and tasting rooms that would have negative effect to some of our local wineries.

As a homeowner in Woodinville/Hollywood Hill area I highly encourage you to consider taking a more balanced approach that both preserves rural character of the area, promotes Washington wines and keeps the way of life that so many Woodinville families gotten accustom to over the last years. These wineries have become a great asset to our community and I represent the majority of the community homeowners in giving them our support.

Woodinville is becoming a tourist destination helping our local businesses, property values etc. and these wineries are the backbone of that change. They should be embraced and celebrated as Woodinville continues to prosper.

Please vote against this proposal!

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Serge and Wendy Baranovsky

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Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:26 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Winery, Brewery, Distillery Ordinance Concerns

From: Carla Darr <marathonmother@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 7:48 PM
To: Dembowski, Rod <Rod.Dembowski@kingcounty.gov>
Cc: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Winery, Brewery, Distillery Ordinance Concerns

Thank you Councilman Dembowski and fellow King County Council members for the time you have dedicated to this ordinance review.

I know this has been on the docket for a long time because it has personally impacted my role at Matthews Winery ever since I joined the team in March 2017. The answer is not just to simply put something out there to get this behind you as that will only cause further issues. I ask you to block out the noise and rationally look at the situation and the impact your decisions will have on the businesses that are generating revenue for the state and serving our community and its visitors. Specifically Matthews Winery, has successfully been sharing our property with guests for over 10 years under the leadership and integrity of the Otis family.

Whatever ordinances you carefully and methodically decide to implement will greatly impact so many people in the community at large, our friends, our employees, our neighbors, as well as our visitors from near and far. We may be unable to run our business or sustain operations at our current location in Woodinville, a respite for many, young and old alike. Our guests gather with friends and family to talk about life, celebrate life, and enjoy the ambience of this rural countryside we call home. Whether a birthday or anniversary celebration, or even a corporate dinner, we have built a community in which our neighbors celebrate significant life events.

Restricting hours while minimizing retail space which subsequently reduces parking capacity will strangle our business, and many others. We are a park-like setting that people swarm to when our weather cooperates because it gives them a healthy place to simply sit and enjoy the creek, forest, garden, farm and all that goes with that. The policies you mandate may force us to abandon the incredible property we have developed for our guests to embrace . . . no farm, no flowers, no expansive lawns for families to play games on or friends to linger on a sunny afternoon, and no embracing grazing deer or watching a scurrying covey of quail.

Jobs will be lost, sales tax revenue will be lost, the whole farm to table culture that we have worked so diligently to create will be lost. You could potentially destroy a place that people flock to because it makes them feel like they are part of our extended family.

What would Woodinville be without the businesses in rural King County? Your decisions could potentially take away our livelihood, and the enjoyment of all our guests. Matthews Winery is not only my blessing of employment, I am personally passionate about sharing this beautiful property and all it offers with everyone. Please...carefully think this through before implementing ordinances that could be so detrimental to these

existing businesses that may result in our closing our doors to visitors and employees alike. Matthews Winery brings community together. We build partnerships and create memories.

We are supposed to work together so let's do that to create a balanced ordinance.

Please . . . look at this situation logically and with a local focus.

Please . . . take the time to truly evaluate how your decisions will impact our business and so many others.

Please . . . work **WITH** us to determine a balanced answer that both preserves the rural character of the area being nurtured in our farm and garden while promoting the destiny of Washington wines.

(I am including a blogging article recently shared with us as I feel it expresses the impression Matthews Winery has on its friends.)

Thank you,

Carla Darr

Matthews employee and King County resident

Carrots: Farm to Table Farewell

on [September 28, 2019](#)

It was the perfect evening. The storm clouds parted just in time for the sun to peek out between the thunderheads, shining its brightness over the glory that is the garden of [Matthew's Winery](#). Neat rows of cherry tomatoes, oregano, and apples lined the woodchip paths of the garden. Radiant dahlias beamed from all angles creating a rainbow of fall hues amongst the vegetables, painting the garden in mustard, garnet, honey, and persimmon rays. Spider webs caught the sunlight, shimmering with drops of freshly fallen rain. As we wandered from the garden into Matthew's winery, we were immediately enveloped in warmth from softly lit candles and 70s-era music, a glow that was stoked by the glasses of sauvignon blanc that we sipped as we chatted. This was the setting of the Matthew's Farewell Farm to Table Dinner last Friday.

If you aren't already in the know, each summer, Matthews Winery releases a number of limited seating [Farm to Table Dinners](#). The meals are a partnership between Matthews and a variety of local chefs. We had the pleasure of attending [one last June](#) and enjoyed [Chef Micah Mowrey's](#) food so much that we decided to attend another. [Chef Micah](#) is moving on to a new business venture in shelf stable foods, so this dinner was also a finale of sorts. And like all finales, it was a memorable and bright end to the show.

The Farm to Table Dinners are designed by the Matthews Family based on how they would want to spend an evening. The vibe is just that—family. It had all the feel of a harvest with an abundance of fall flavors, augmented by the warmth and openness guests felt from the chef and the family. These dinners are special evenings, and we had the pleasure of sharing this memorable night with my parents.

The meal was mostly created around what came from the Matthews Winery garden. Anything that couldn't be sourced from the winery grounds was procured through local vendors. The butter was from up the street, the bread baked in Seattle—even the flour used in the bread was made locally. Chef Micah's mantra is "local to the point of insanity." And by this he means that he breaks the products down to the very ingredients—salt, olive oil, etc.—and ensures that every ingredient is from the Pacific Northwest. That's taking eating locally to a whole new level.

Let me tell you, the food showed Chef Micah's attention to detail. Not only was it the most fresh meal possible... having been harvested that very day... but it was also perfectly prepared. We enjoyed a burnt kale salad with roasted pumpkin and garlic vinaigrette, a lemon cucumber and scarlet runner bean salad with roasted tomatoes, and field lettuces tossed with apple and pickled rinds. The entree was braised beef, one I didn't partake in, but I was so full from the beautiful sides that I couldn't have made room on my plate for one more thing, even if I'd tried. For dessert, most folks enjoyed a pumpkin custard, but Chef Micah brought me a vegan delight of early apples, granola, grapes, dried cherries, and a dusting of cinnamon. It was the perfect end to a gorgeous meal.

Though the evening was bittersweet in knowing that it was [Chef Micah's](#) last hurrah at [Matthews](#), it was a sweet finale to his run of Farm to Tables, and certainly a night that guests will not forget. The best part is, we were each gifted with a beautiful fall arrangement of dahlias to take home at the end of the evening, a lovely reminder of a night well spent.









































September 27th, 2019

first bites

soiled vegetables

season's end gazpacho

at the table

the best bread and butte

watermelon, pickled jalapeño, roa

burnt and raw kale, garlic vinaigrette, r

lemon cucumber with scarlet runner be

Matthew's Claret with red fruits and









Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:26 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Matthews Winery

-----Original Message-----

From: Lindsay Heitlauf-Ferguson <lindsay.ferguson@marketplacesothebysrealty.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:45 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Matthews Winery

Dear Council,

I live in Redmond (English Hill 17231 NE 133rd Pl Redmond) and work in Woodinville. It's been such a pleasure being part of such a wonderful community and I've specially enjoyed visiting the local wineries. Each year I host my client appreciation event at Matthews Winery from 7-10pm on a Saturday in June where my clients, family and friends gather to enjoy wine, live music, food and great company. It's allowed my business to grow to provide such a great experience at a local winery where my clients can enjoy a night out and bring their kids too. It's been such a joy to have such great opportunities later in the evening to enjoy a great venue, good wine and company. It's been great for my business as well to be able to provide such a joyous occasion for my clients. I sincerely hope that all parties can come to a resolution to make this positive for all. Thank you for your consideration.

Lindsay Heitlauf-Ferguson
Marketplace Sotheby's International Realty
425.417.2102

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Woodinville Winery regulations

From: Alex Booth <alex.booth21@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:49 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Woodinville Winery regulations

My name is Alex Booth. I've been a King County and Woodinville resident for 26 of my 29 years of life.

One constant in Woodinville has been it's artisan nature. Whether it be wood sculptors, musicians, chefs, or winemakers, Woodinville is a city that values craft and artistic expression and respects hard work.

Something that's been present in the valley since before my time has been wine. My parents are lovers of wine and have introduced that passion to me and living in Woodinville has afforded me the opportunity to explore and contribute to the growing Washington wine world that is taking stage on an international level.

The upcoming regulations regarding rural wineries have left me confused and concerned at the message King County wants to send to any other small winemaker or aspiring artisan in the county.

The wineries in question, namely [Matthews Winery](#), Feliciana, and others have created and continue to foster a culture in the region of a passion for the land, sustainability, and fun!

Woodinville Wine Country is a premier destination that supports jobs, tax revenues, small businesses and the overall Washington wine industry. Don't shut down these growing and thriving small businesses, or severely limit their abilities to operate a successful business.

King County can support the growing winery and tasting room economy and still preserve a rural character. I know because I've been there and I see that these businesses are compatible with their neighbors, offering such events as the Farm-to-Table Dinners hosted by [Matthews Winery](#) on their property which use produce and food products from their own and other local farms.

Steps that the King County Council takes today will have a lasting impact on this booming economy. I'd ask that as my representative, you read mine and the countless other messages regarding these regulations and understand that it's not about protecting one or two tasting rooms, but about protecting an industry and a culture that supports agriculture, sustainability, and craft.

Sincerely,

Alex Booth

Sent from my iPhone

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Please save our wineries!

From: Megan Kates <meganekates@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:57 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Please save our wineries!

My name is Megan Payne and my address is [17462 NE 123rd Way](#), Redmond.

I am writing asking you to NOT approve the amendment that would limit the current use of [Matthews Winery](#) in Woodinville.

Please work with existing wineries and tasting rooms to find a balanced solution that preserves the rural character of the area and allows wineries and tasting rooms to be economically viable.

We love so much about our community and Woodinville Wine Country is so much of that.

My very best,
Megan Payne

Sent from my iPhone

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Wineries in Rural King County

From: Moya Skillman <moyaskillman@fosterrealty.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:00 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Wineries in Rural King County

Dear Councilmembers

Please work with the existing wineries and tasting rooms to find a balanced solution that preserves the rural character of the area while still allowing wineries and tasting rooms to be economically viable.

We love being able to go to Woodinville on a Saturday afternoon and enjoy wine tasting, listening to live music, enjoying amazing food...all as if we are in Napa Valley except we didn't have to travel (and take our \$\$ elsewhere). And by enjoying wineries here, we are supporting local businesses (and taxes!) in King County. Woodinville Wine Country has become a huge destination and means so much to everyone in our area. Please do not pass legislation that will negatively impact these family run businesses that are such an amazing part of our community.

I'm a real estate agent and one of the things I love is suggesting newcomers to our area spend a day in Woodinville and see everything we have to offer here.

I'm a registered voter and resident in King County.

Moya Skillman

8607 NE 12th Street

Medina, WA 98039

Thank you for listening,

Moya

Moya Skillman

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Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Keep wineries and tasting rooms in rural King county

-----Original Message-----

From: Keely Dailey <keely1028@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:35 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Keep wineries and tasting rooms in rural King county

Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of keeping the wineries and tasting rooms in rural King county. My husband and I moved our family to Woodinville just over six years ago because we loved the beauty and rural feel, but part of the draw for us has been the wineries. When we have out of town guests, it is always a treat to take them just down the road to sit outside and sip some beautiful wines.

Respectfully, I'm asking for the council to work with existing wineries and tasting rooms to find a balanced solution that preserves the rural character of the area while still allowing wineries and tasting rooms to be economically viable.

I thank you for your consideration in keeping these facilities available to us locals and the tourist that are drawn to the area.

Sincerely,

Keely Dailey
14160 171st Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
(425)213-2147
Sent from my iPhone

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: WIneries

From: micbaez22@aol.com <micbaez22@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:44 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: WIneries

Hello Council,

My name is Michelle Baez Steele and I am a resident of Woodinville. I am writing to ask that you work with the wineries so that they may continue to operate. I am from California and when my friends and family come visit they enjoy our beautiful wineries most of all. We especially love going to Mathews, they have created such a family-friendly atmosphere and a great place to visit. My family has spent trunk or treats there, Fourth of July parades and movies in the summer. My hope is that you leave them the way they are.

Thank you.

Michelle Baez Steele
15347 NE 201st Street
Woodinville

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Keep the Woodinville wineries

From: Greg Young <gregorypyoung@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:20 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Keep the Woodinville wineries

My family and I live in Kirkland and love the ability to go to the Woodinville area to enjoy a glass of wine and learn about the winemaking process. It has led us to spend money in the area, and we also bring many friends - from King County and out-of-state - to the area. They love it as well.

We have even made trips to Walla Walla to learn more about what we've experienced in Woodinville.

We are very appreciate of how many of the wineries have been sharing the unique land they have, teaching people about growing vegetables, fruits, and plants. It is a great educational opportunity and gives us even more reason to come to the area and spend money.

I'd like for you to please work with existing wineries and tasting rooms to find a balanced solution that preserves the rural character of the area while still allowing wineries and tasting rooms to be economically viable.

What the wineries have built is really, really cool and it'd be very sad and unfortunate for any of it to be taken away from us.

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Proposed Legislation on Wineries in Rural King County

From: djelliottsea@aol.com <djelliottsea@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:20 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Proposed Legislation on Wineries in Rural King County

This is to express our deep concern regarding proposed legislation that would effectively close or force to move some of our premier wineries in rural King County. A family dream and significant investment, a welcoming place to enjoy a glass of merlot or rose in a unique setting - and this now appears to be threatened if this legislation goes forward. The impact of such legislation would have great fallout, impacting not only the wineries involved but the other retail and services that draw from well over thousands of visitors a year to the region.

We urge the County Council to work with the existing wineries and tasting rooms to find a workable solution that satisfies all parties and does not make it impossible to continue their businesses after years of hard work. As a 30-year member and former Director of the Seattle Enological Society, I (and my wife) have continued to advocate for success of the wineries made a part of the Woodinville Wine Country. Once again, it is incumbent upon the County Council to determine a solution that will serve all interests and preserve the rural character of the area without impeding the established wineries and tasting rooms we have all enjoyed for well over 15 years. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, David & Jeanne Elliott

16215 S.E. 31st Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

425-747-6475 (home office)

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Wine tasting rooms

From: stuo <stuo@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:06 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Wine tasting rooms

Council members,

As a resident of Woodinville, and a wine drinker, I think that the existing tasting rooms should not be closed or greatly restricted. Please work with the owners to not only keep the existing tasting rooms open but to encourage new tasting rooms. I believe that the Woodinville area could be more popular with tourists and bring more tourist \$ to King County and the City of Woodinville.

Thank You,
Stuart Ono

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Keep Tasting Rooms in Rural King County

-----Original Message-----

From: tara crabbe <tararickycrabbe@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:07 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Keep Tasting Rooms in Rural King County

Hey,

I live in rural King County and I thoroughly enjoyed driving by Matthews winery. it's so beautiful it's such a staple within a mile of Woodinville Wine district. please leave this family alone and let them have their space. they put on wonderful programs for families with kids, which none of the wineries have. The rest of the valley is an eyesore, and junkie. It needs to be cleaned up! I wish more of it look like the way Matthews have landscaped their beautiful grounds and their winery. Please keep Matthews winery allowed let them operate at full capacity with all the parking spaces maybe close the winery down at 8:30 PM which sounds reasonable it's just across the valley they have concerts going till 10 PM?

Tara and Ricky Crabbe
17302 Ne 126th Pl
Redmond WA 98052

I just signed the petition "Keep Tasting Rooms in Rural King County" and wanted to see if you could help by adding your name.

Our goal is to reach 5,000 signatures and we need more support. You can read more and sign the petition here:

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fchng.it%2FSPmhZddFc5&data=02%7C01%7C Erin.Auzins%40kingcounty.gov%7C309d61c681ed40a8dc3108d74b4352f1%7Cbae5059a76f049d7999672dfe95d69c7%7C0%7C0%7C637060624828535478&sddata=tHXEa7QSnnzU4G2%2FnAu21%2BBuzcKdPJUgNprAuoesAFs%3D&reserved=0>

Thanks!
Tara

Sent from my iPhone

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Woodinville Wineries

From: Sarah Swain Annepu <sarahswain@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:52 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Woodinville Wineries

Do not pass Councilmember Balducci's legislation. This does not make sense for the wineries, businesses around them, or the people who live around them. You must work with existing wineries and tasting rooms to find a balanced solution that preserves the rural character of the area while still allowing wineries and tasting rooms to be economically viable.

The wineries are an important part of the community here and many are more than just a tasting room. Please encourage those that are growing and adding to their spaces to create a more unique place to visit by not shutting them down or limiting them.

thank you,

Sarah Swain Annepu
14656 NE 179th ST
Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Woodinville Local Wineries

From: Susan Cobb <susanturnercobb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 7:58 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Woodinville Local Wineries

Dear King County Council Members,

I am a local Woodinville resident of 25 years, and I am writing in support of Matthews winery and other small existing wineries and tasting rooms that dot the edges of the valley.

Over the years, I have been impressed with how Matthews Winery has created a sense of community in our area by providing a beautiful space and opportunities for our local residents to gather together and enjoy the rural character of Woodinville.

In addition to farm-to-table dinners that highlight and support our local farms, Matthews also organizes events for local families (for example, trunk-or-treat) and supports local schools in their fundraising efforts by donating wines and providing opportunities for small events. As such, I feel that Matthew has proven itself to be a strong asset rather than a threat to our community and the semi-rural lifestyle that we all appreciate and enjoy together.

As our King Country Council reps, I hope you will find a balanced solution that preserves the rural character of our area while still allowing our existing wineries and tasting rooms to be economically viable.

Thank you for your service. 😊

Sincerely,

Susan Cobb

18117 NE 200th Court

Woodinville, WA 98077

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Matthews Winery

From: Sarah <rech5@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 8:22 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Matthews Winery

Good Morning,

I am writing you a note to support Matthews Winery in Woodinville Washington. It is run by a wonderful family who strives to make their business fit into the Woodinville rural atmosphere—and has done so much better than the wineries around the circle just a mile or so down the road. (Their wine is also very good, you should all visit and taste!) They are not loud or disruptive by any means, and their small community events are unique to our little town.

I am asking that you allow them to continue to run their business in a way that will benefit the area and themselves, as they strive to have a unique and profitable business.

Thank you,

Sarah Rech
14640 173rd Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Woodinville wineries

-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Rech <ronrech@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 8:35 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Woodinville wineries

Dear Council,

I am writing to protect the wineries in the Woodinville area and in particular in unincorporated King County. I live in Hollywood Hill and believe that the growth in wineries in the area has clearly been a benefit to our community.

I strongly oppose councilmember Balducci's legislation which would limit wine tasting and sales to 15% or less of a winery's building space and also include reduced parking. It would also limit tasting hours on weekdays to 7 PM. I believe this will severely reduce the growth of wineries in our area and will be detrimental to the growth in Woodinville.

I strongly encourage the council to reject this legislation.

Ron Rech

Sent from my iPad

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Matthews Winery

-----Original Message-----

From: David Olson <olson_david@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:17 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Cc: David Olson <olson_david@frontier.com>
Subject: Matthews Winery

Please consider all the pluses of having wineries like Matthews in rural king county far outweigh any negatives. Just spend a Sunday afternoon in woodinville and see why

Thanks for your consideration

David Olson
Woodinville WA

Sent from my iPhone

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Woodinville Wineries

From: Joe Day <heyjoeday@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:21 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Woodinville Wineries

Hi City Council,

First off, thanks for all you do. I know it can be a thankless job and worse at times.

I'm writing to voice my support of the winery community in Woodinville, where I lived for the past 2 1/2 years. To me, the wineries and breweries define a significant part of the identity of the community. The new proposed legislation will harm some of the most vibrant and valuable wineries in the Woodinville community, and I think that would be tragic.

Please enable them to keep their tasting rooms open.

Sincerely,

Joe Day
Duvall, WA

Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: FW: Wineries

-----Original Message-----

From: Heartfilledyoga <kris@heartfilledyoga.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Wineries

My husband and I have lived in unincorporated King Country just outside Woodinville for 33 years. We can't believe our luck that the area has become this wonderful tourist destination. We frequent the wineries and love going to live music every week. Our friends and family come from all over the area to join us. We love that the wine industry has brought us wonderful new restaurants as well.

We urge you to work with the existing wineries which we see as such assets to our area. Please do not cause them to close or significantly alter their businesses.

All of them close at reasonable hours - not later than 9:30 even on weekends. What they offer to our quality of living is so valuable. To be able to enjoy entertainment close to home without having to go into Seattle is fantastic. We've also met so many other great people in the area at wineries.

Please allow this asset to the lives of local residents continue!!

Sent from my iPhone

Auzins, Erin

From: Emilyann Kinlaw <growingrootsnutrition@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:52 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Keep commercial businesses out of Sammamish Valley rural neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Dear Council Members,

While the current Balducci version of the Adult Beverage Ordinance contains improvements over prior versions, there are still two significant flaws that permanently allow adult beverage retail outlets in the Sammamish Valley Rural Area neighborhoods and important farmland buffer areas. I am requesting that you:

- 1) Remove Demonstration Project Overlay A from the Sammamish Valley.
- 2) Require WBDs in the RA and A zones to conduct all 3 stages of beverage production as defined by the state, and limit sales to only beverages produced on-site.

The wine tourism industry in Woodinville is booming and doesn't need County help in order to grow. There is plenty of space inside the Urban Growth Area for additional beverage retail outlets. In fact, beverage tourism relies on the Valley's verdant open spaces and will be harmed by commercial development of the Valley.

Rampant land price speculation and environmental degradation from upslope toxic runoff are existential threats to the Valley's APD farm businesses. Public health and safety issues are increasing because urban use businesses are operating where commercial infrastructure - such as sewer hookup, left turn lanes, sidewalks and lighting - does not exist. Rewarding code violators and opening the Valley to even more urban use will only increase the negative impacts.

The latest Ordinance attempts to mitigate these damages by limiting the building sizes, parking, and hours of operation of the retail businesses to the point where they will not be able to operate effectively. You've heard as much from them. This approach, together with a lack of clarity in some parts of the Ordinance, will only lead to endless code enforcement battles. None of the goals the Ordinance sets out to solve will be met and we will be right back where we started.

Why is the Council supporting the narrow interests of a handful of code violators and land speculators over the will of the people? Why is the Council skirting the Growth Management Act which protects our designated APD farmland, watershed and Rural Area? Please do the right thing and keep urban use businesses out of the Sammamish Valley Rural Area neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas.

I am a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist that works in Regenerative food and water systems. I ask you not to pass the Ordinance as it is written today. Our local food system will be significantly impacted and the health/nutrition of King County is a major concern with the impact this ordinance will have.

Thank you for your time,
Kindly,

Emilyann Kinlaw, RDN, CD

Sincerely,
Emilyann Kinlaw
3902 SW Holden Street
Seattle, WA 98136

Auzins, Erin

From: Christoph Suter <cusuter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:57 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Keep commercial businesses out of Sammamish Valley rural neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

While the current Balducci version of the Adult Beverage Ordinance contains improvements over prior versions, there are still two significant flaws that permanently allow adult beverage retail outlets in the Sammamish Valley Rural Area neighborhoods and important farmland buffer areas. I am requesting that you:

- 1) Remove Demonstration Project Overlay A from the Sammamish Valley.
- 2) Require WBDs in the RA and A zones to conduct all 3 stages of beverage production as defined by the state, and limit sales to only beverages produced on-site.

The wine tourism industry in Woodinville is booming and doesn't need County help in order to grow. There is plenty of space inside the Urban Growth Area for additional beverage retail outlets. In fact, beverage tourism relies on the Valley's verdant open spaces and will be harmed by commercial development of the Valley.

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Sincerely,
Christoph Suter
16316 170 AVE NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

Auzins, Erin

From: Andrew Ely <andrewc.ely@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Keep commercial businesses out of Sammamish Valley rural neighborhoods and farmland buffer areas

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I have concerns to lack of enforcement for zoning violations in King County. Changing current codes to bring a handful of code violating businesses into compliance is not a solution to land use issues.

I ask the County Council to move toward enforcing current rules and tightening land use rules. Without proper enforcement land use issues like this ordinance presents, brings an unfair, unethical tone to communities that support legal land use. There are more than a hundred compliant wineries/breweries/distilleries/tasting rooms in the Woodinville/Sammamish Valley area. It is hypocritical to change rules that have not been enforced. I request the following amendments to the Adult Beverage Ordinance.

While the current Balducci version of the Adult Beverage Ordinance contains improvements over prior versions, there are still two significant flaws that permanently allow adult beverage retail outlets in the Sammamish Valley Rural Area neighborhoods and important farmland buffer areas. I am requesting that you:

- 1) Remove Demonstration Project Overlay A from the Sammamish Valley.
- 2) Require WBDs in the RA and A zones to conduct all 3 stages of beverage production as defined by the state, and limit sales to only beverages produced on-site.

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Sincerely,
Andrew Ely
13550 36th AVE NE
Seattle, WA 98125

From: [Communications, Comments](#)
To: [Auzins, Erin](#)
Subject: FW: Please support the wine ordinance
Date: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:56:47 AM

From: Elliott Lyons <elliott.j.lyons@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Please support the wine ordinance

Distinguished council members,

As a product of Woodinville, I've gone through all schooling including Woodinville High School, and have previously ran the Junior Football program, my kids go to school there. I am about as Woodinville as you can get.

I expressively ask that you pass this ordinance that allows this tasting rooms to stay and operate. It has become Woodinville and its culture. I love seeing everyone out and about enjoying everything we have. It has become such staple to the area. Without this ordinance passing the face of Woodinville will forever change. We need this local, friendly places of business to stay open and stay and operate where they are. No one is asking to pave farmlands or destroy them. In fact they all support cultivating them and helping them sustain.

Please vote yes without the strike amendment!

Elliott Lyons

From: [Communications, Comments](#)
To: [Auzins, Erin](#)
Subject: FW: WA Brewers Guild Comments: Proposed Ordinance 2018-0261
Date: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:52:24 AM
Attachments: [KC Ordinance Oct 7 Comments.pdf](#)

From: Anne McGrath <annie@washingtonbrewersguild.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: WA Brewers Guild Comments: Proposed Ordinance 2018-0261

Dear Committee of the Whole Members,

On behalf of the Washington Brewers Guild, a non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting and protecting Washington's small and independent breweries, please accept these comments regarding Proposed Ordinance 2018-0261: winery, brewery and distillery tasting rooms.

Washington is currently home to over 400 breweries, the vast majority of which are small and independent. These breweries operate in all areas of our state and are integral parts of their urban, rural and suburban communities. 111 of these breweries are located in King County. Washington's craft beer industry had a \$1.4 billion dollar direct economic impact on Washington's economy in 2017 and Washington's small and independent breweries directly employ over 6,300 workers across WA.

We want to thank you for the work and resources you have put into this process seeking out a solution to balance varied and passionate interests. We appreciate the recognition that our breweries are compatible and complimentary to our region's rural character, quality of life and economic vitality.

We continue to have concerns regarding the proposed ordinance's requirement that breweries obtain an "adult beverage business" license to be issued by the county. We believe that the proposed adult beverage license directly conflicts with existing state law and regulations regarding manufacturers and that the county is therefore preempted by RCW 66.08.120 from licensing these manufacturers who are already licensed under Title 66.

We are concerned that such a requirement, if enacted, could set a precedent that other counties and cities adopt their own licensing and enforcement structures for manufacturers. Such a patchwork of regulations would be to the detriment of our growing industry, which is already heavily regulated at both the state and at the federal level.

The stated reason for requiring the additional license is so that the county can better track and regulate these businesses for compliance. State law already requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board to notify the county prior to the issuance and renewal of a brewery license. Further, breweries have monthly tax and production reporting requirements to the state that allow the state and others to

easily track active licenses.

WA law liquor manufacturer laws are complex and the licensing process for breweries is a thorough and lengthy one. We respectfully ask the adult beverage license requirement be removed, should the ordinance move forward.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our comments and remain available to you and members of your staff, should you have any questions.

Thank you,
Annie McGrath

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From: [Communications, Comments](#)
To: [Auzins, Erin](#)
Subject: FW: Wineries in Woodinville
Date: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:51:45 AM

From: rfelbeck Felbeck <rachel@felbecklaw.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Wineries in Woodinville

Good morning –

I am writing in response to the legislation to limit the wineries hours and size, particularly that of Matthews Winery. I have many years of happy memories and enjoyable events at Matthews Winery, and many of the wineries in Woodinville. I am in support of the council working towards a balanced solution that allows for the rural nature of Woodinville (very important to me as I was a member of the Root Connection for over 20 years!) and allowing the wineries continue to be economically viable in Woodinville. Woodinville has a national reputation for providing excellent wines and winery tastings and events – my family and friends live out of state and when they come to visit, it is Woodinville, not Walla Walla, that they want to tour. I have been to many concerts, shows and other events at many of the wineries throughout Woodinville. It would be a significant loss to King County if the limitations imposed on the wineries is so significant as to force them to close.

I hope you will consider the positive economic impact the Woodinville wineries have to King County, in addition to the importance of maintaining the rural environment in the Redmond/Woodinville valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Rachel Felbeck (resident of King County for 35 years).

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From: [Communications, Comments](#)
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Subject: FW: Winery legislation
Date: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:51:57 AM

From: Jennifer Olson <giginkeith@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:51 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Winery legislation

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I moved into our “starter “ home in Woodinville over 20 years ago and it is now our “forever” home. We love the good schools etc. but part of the reason is we really enjoy wine tasting and appreciate how much the wineries have helped the area’s economy and increased the value of our home. When friends and family visit, we don’t meet in Redmond or somewhere..... more often then not we go wine tasting and eat out in Woodinville.

Please work with Mathews and other wineries to keep things as they are, or close to it. A vast majority of people in Woodinville like and want to keep the wine industry booming.

Sincerely,

Keith Olson

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Communications, Comments](#)
To: [Auzins, Erin](#)
Subject: FW: Woodinville Wine Country
Date: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:51:32 AM

From: Sean <sean.lawver@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:43 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Woodinville Wine Country

King County Council,

My wife and I have heard about the recent proposed changes by the KC council for the Woodinville Wine Country (WWC) area. These changes will significantly hurt the local economy and the culture of Woodinville and other surrounding towns. Please work with the existing wineries and tasting rooms to find a balanced solution that preserves the rural character of the area while still allowing wineries and tasting rooms to be economically viable. On a personal note, my family and friends have been enjoying WWC over the past 20 years. A lot of important life events have occurred in this area and will continue to occur if the WWC continues to exist. Please help these wineries stay in business and work with them to reach the best solution.

Sincerely,

Sean Lawver
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From: [Communications, Comments](#)
To: [Auzins, Erin](#)
Subject: FW: Woodinville Wineries and Tasting Room Legislation introduced by C Balducci
Date: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:52:31 AM

From: Shannon Law <woodinvillelaw@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:44 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Woodinville Wineries and Tasting Room Legislation introduced by C Balducci

Hello Council Members,

I live in King County and request that be thoughtful while you review the current legislation introduced by Councilwoman Claudia Balducci regarding wineries and their tasting rooms.

I urge someone to look at the income generated by the tasting rooms and ask that you not remove or reduce the opportunity for this revenue stream allowing the wineries and tasting rooms remain economically viable entities in King County.

Woodinville has created a beautiful visitor destination that rivals popular wine locations on the West coast. My husband and I have a standing date on Friday nights to enjoy music at our favorite winery. We started our relationship with children 32 years ago, with the past 26 years as Woodinville residents and we are enjoying the growth and opportunities of our community.

Please work with existing wineries and tasting rooms to find a balanced solution that preserves the rural character of the area while still allowing wineries and tasting rooms to be economically viable.

Thank you for receiving my feedback as a voter in King County.

Kind regards,
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(Please redact my personal contact information prior to becoming public record)



October 7, 2019

Committee of the Whole
King County Council

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