Summary of Proposed Ordinance relating to

**Sewer Service in Rural Towns**

This summary fulfills Washington State Growth Management Act and King County Code (K.C.C.) 20.18.100 requirements for a “plain language summary.”

The Vashon-Maury Island Community Service Area Subarea Plan (CSA Plan), adopted by the King County Council in December 2017, was the first subarea plan to be completed under King County’s renewed subarea planning program. One outcome of the research and planning that supported this CSA Plan was a Workplan Action with the purpose of better understanding the history and legal status of sewer service within the Vashon Rural Town, including the Local Sewer Service Area boundary. During the development of the Workplan Action report, an ambiguity in the code was identified related to the effect of future changes to the Vashon Rural Town boundary as the area eligible for sewer service and the omission of Snoqualmie Pass as a rural town that is approved for sewer service. The following summarizes a proposed ordinance with changes to the King County Code to clarify that expanding the area eligible for sewer service requires a separate and distinct action from changing the Vashon or the Snoqualmie Pass Rural Town boundaries.

| **Ordinance Section** | **King County Code Section**  | **Current Code** | **Proposed Change** | **Intent/Rationale** |
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| 1 | 13.24.035(B) | States that as of March 12, 2001, only the rural town of Vashon has been approved for public sewer service. | * States that the rural towns of Vashon and Snoqualmie Pass as adopted in Ordinance 18623 have been approved for public sewer service.
* Clarifies that sewer service to these areas must be limited to the boundaries of the rural towns as adopted in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.
 | Clarify that if the boundary of the rural towns of Vashon or Snoqualmie Pass are changed in the future, a distinct action will need to be taken to approve public sewer service for the same or a portion of that area. |