



## King County

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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 Ordinance that, if enacted, would vacate King County's interest in a portion of S. 278th Street right-of-way containing an area of approximately 8,734 square feet located in the Auburn 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: Estate of Marlene Marie McCartney, James D. McCartney Personal Representative; Rose Mary and Ryan Dowd; Sharon and Robert Kiyohara; and Estate of Miriam M. Helgeland, Jerilyn Helgeland Personal Representative. 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 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 Road 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) section 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.

Enactment of this proposed Ordinance aligns with the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government and its objectives to deliver consistent,

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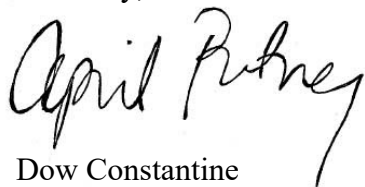
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responsive, equitable, high-quality services to residents, cities and districts and exercise sound financial and risk management and build King County's long-term fiscal strength.

After introduction of the proposed Ordinance and the establishment of a public hearing date by the Hearing Examiner, a notice of the public hearing is posted on-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.

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

Sincerely,



for

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosure

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