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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, adopts the 2021 updates of School District Capital Facilities Plans as a sub-element of the King County Comprehensive Plan's Capital Facilities Element. The proposed Ordinance also amends the King County Code (KCC) to adopt the 2022 school mitigation impact fees assessed by King County on residential development in the unincorporated areas.

This Ordinance proposes impact fees for the Tahoma, Federal Way, Riverview, Issaquah, Snoqualmie Valley, Highline, Lake Washington, Kent, Northshore, Enumclaw, Fife, Auburn and Renton School Districts.

Environmental review of each capital facility plan was conducted by the submitting school district pursuant to a lead agency agreement with King County. All plans received Determinations of Nonsignificance. Stakeholder review was conducted through a meeting of the County's School Technical Review Committee (STRC) in June 2021 and during a public comment period for the draft proposed Ordinance in July 2021. The STRC found that all of the plans met the school concurrency standards of KCC 21A.28.160. The permanent and interim school improvements necessary to serve new development are planned to be in place at the time the impacts of the development are expected to occur.

School impact fees are calculated every year based on a formula agreed to by the County and the school districts and as adopted in KCC 21A.43.030. Individual school district fees may fluctuate from year to year based on a number of factors, including changes in student enrollment, changes in district building plans, new residential growth, and changes in state reimbursement levels. When a district does not plan to construct capital facilities within the six-year period, no school impact fees are assessed. Implementation of this proposed Ordinance is expected to have no fiscal impact upon the County, as reflected in the enclosed fiscal note.

The proposed Ordinance furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, effective regional and local government.

The proposed Ordinance supports Strategy GH 2.6 of the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan by adopting the School Districts' six-year capital facilities plans, which focus the siting of new schools within the Urban Growth Area.

In accordance with KCC 20.18.110, the proposed Ordinance must be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation at least 30 days before the Council's public hearing. Under KCC 20.18.150 and RCW 36.70A.106, within 10 days of adoption, the Council must transmit the Ordinance to the state and provide published notice in the official county newspaper.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance, which will help the participating school districts implement their capital facilities programs.

If your staff have any questions or concerns, please contact Jim Chan, Division Director, Permitting Division of the Department of Local Services, at 206-477-0385.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers
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