

Perry moved Amendment 4.
The motion carried.

May 14, 2024



agricultural sector report

[A. Kim] Sponsor: Perry
Proposed No.: 2023-0310

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2023-0310, VERSION 2**

2 On page 23, after line 504 strike everything through line 522 and insert:

3 "SECTION 16.

4 A. The executive shall transmit a report providing recommendations to
5 strengthen the county's commitment to sustainable farm-to-plate pipeline, advance equity,
6 and support the agricultural sector in unincorporated King County as the agricultural
7 sector complies with the hourly minimum wage rate as required by this ordinance. The
8 executive shall consult with the community to inform the report. The community shall
9 include, but not be limited to, the following:

10 1. Representatives from King County farming organizations which shall
11 include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 12 a. King County agriculture commission;
- 13 b. SnoValley Tilth;
- 14 c. Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance;
- 15 d. Sammamish Valley Alliance; and
- 16 e. Snoqualmie Valley Farmers Cooperative;

17 2. Small-farm owners and small-farm employees in the following Agricultural
18 Production Districts in King County:

- 19 a. Sammamish River;
- 20 b. Snoqualmie River;
- 21 c. Lower Green River;
- 22 d. Upper Green River; and
- 23 e. Enumclaw Plateau;
- 24 3. Representatives from the King Conversation District; and
- 25 4. The chair of the local services and land use committee, or its successor, or
- 26 designee.

27 B. The recommendations to address the impacts shall consider, but not be limited

28 to, the following:

- 29 1. Capital programs to acquire land, access farm equipment, and develop
- 30 housing for farm workers such as:
- 31 a. connecting farmers with affordable farmland to lower acquisition costs and
- 32 build farmland equity through ownership; for example, the Agrarian Trust and more
- 33 specifically the Vermont Agrarian Commons;
- 34 b. establishing a farm equipment access program to provide affordable leasing
- 35 of farm equipment purchased by the county; and
- 36 c. developing housing facilities using county resources to provide workforce,
- 37 congregate, and pallet housing for farm workers in proximity to their place of work;
- 38 2. Transportation programs to provide mobility for farm workers such as:
- 39 a. providing vouchers that can be used for local and regional transportation
- 40 providers operating in areas with access to agricultural jobs;

41 b. establishing shuttles, similar to the Metro transit department's Trailhead
42 Direct; and

43 c. subsidies for easier access to the Metro transit department's Vanpool and
44 Vanshare programs, similar to the Metro transit department services provided to
45 Snoqualamie Casino employees; and

46 3. Other programs to support the agricultural sector in unincorporated King
47 County such as:

48 a. establishing health care programs for farm workers;
49 b. providing fee waivers for farmers market booths;
50 c. supporting farm worker recruitment and retention;
51 d. supporting the retention of existing farm owners;
52 e. developing internship and apprenticeship programs for the youth,
53 underrepresented communities in the agricultural sector, and historically underserved
54 communities in the agricultural sector;

55 f. providing grants to food banks to purchase surplus food from local farms;
56 g. expanding the county's Local Food Initiative; and
57 h. developing a multimedia, multichannel public awareness campaign on the
58 necessity of supporting county farmers and their products and educating the public on the
59 quality and cost of producing farm products.

60 C. The executive shall electronically file the report and any proposed ordinance
61 to implement the recommendations identified in the report no later than June 30, 2025,
62 with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an
63 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the

64 transportation, economy, and environment committee, or its successor.

65 SECTION 17. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2025."

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67 **EFFECT prepared by A. Kim:** *The amendment would make changes to Section 16 to*
68 *require the executive to transmit a report providing recommendations to strengthen the*
69 *county's commitment to sustainable farm-to-plate pipeline, advance equity, and*
70 *support the agricultural sector in unincorporated King County as the agricultural*
71 *sector complies with the hourly minimum wage rate. The amendment would expand*
72 *on the list of community members to inform the report and provide a list of*
73 *considerations for the executive to evaluate in addressing the impacts.*

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75 *The amendment would also require the report to be transmitted on June 30, 2025*
76 *which in effect would make a technical change to Section 17.*

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78 *The following shows the amendment's proposed changes to Sections 16 and 17 in red:*

SECTION 16.

~~A. The executive is requested to consult with the community to evaluate the A.~~
The executive shall transmit a report providing recommendations to strengthen the county's commitment to sustainable farm-to-plate pipeline, advance equity, and support the agricultural sector in unincorporated King County as the agricultural sector complies with the hourly minimum wage rate as required by this ordinance~~on the agricultural sector in unincorporated King County.~~
The executive shall consult with the community to inform the report. The community ~~should~~shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Representatives from King County farming organizations which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. King County agriculture commission~~representatives~~;
 - b. SnoValley Tilth;
 - c. Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance;
 - d. Sammamish Valley Alliance; and
 - e. Snoqualmie Valley Farmers Cooperative;
2. ~~Individuals, organizations, or both that represent agricultural sector~~Small-farm owners and small-farm employees in unincorporatedthe following Agricultural Production Districts in King County; ~~and~~;
3. ~~Chair~~ a. Sammamish River;
 - b. Snoqualmie River;
 - c. Lower Green River;
 - d. Upper Green River; and

e. Enumclaw Plateau;

3. Representatives from the King Conversation District; and

4. The chair of the local services and land use committee, or its successor, or

designee.

B. The ~~executive should transmit a letter with findings and recommendations, if any;~~ to address ~~any~~the impacts ~~shall consider, but not be limited to, the following:~~

1. Capital programs to acquire land, access farm equipment, and develop housing for farm workers such as:

a. connecting farmers with affordable farmland to lower acquisition costs and build farmland equity through ownership; for example, the Agrarian Trust and more specifically the Vermont Agrarian Commons;

b. establishing a farm equipment access program to provide affordable leasing of farm equipment purchased by the county; and

c. developing housing facilities using county resources to provide workforce, congregate, and pallet housing for farm workers in proximity to their place of work;

2. Transportation programs to provide mobility for farm workers such as:

a. providing vouchers that can be used for local and regional transportation providers operating in areas with access to agricultural jobs;

b. establishing shuttles, similar to the Metro transit department's Trailhead Direct; and

c. subsidies for easier access to the Metro transit department's Vanpool and Vanshare programs, similar to the Metro transit department services provided to Snoqualamie Casino employees; and

3. Other programs to support the agricultural sector in unincorporated King

County such as:

a. establishing health care programs for farm workers;

b. providing fee waivers for farmers market booths;

c. supporting farm worker recruitment and retention;

d. supporting the retention of existing farm owners;

e. developing internship and apprenticeship programs for the youth,

underrepresented communities in the agricultural sector, and historically underserved communities in the agricultural sector;

f. providing grants to food banks to purchase surplus food from local farms;

g. expanding the county's Local Food Initiative; and

h. developing a multimedia, multichannel public awareness campaign on the necessity of supporting county farmers and their products and educating the public on the agricultural sector as a result of this ordinance-quality and cost of producing farm products.

C. The executive shall electronically file ~~any such letter~~the report and any proposed ordinance to implement the recommendations identified in the report no later than ~~September~~June 30, ~~2024~~2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the transportation, economy, and environment committee, or its successor.

SECTION 17. ~~Sections 1 through 15 of this~~This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2025.