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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would amend King County Code 2.21 to assist the Office of Risk Management Services in the timely procurement of insurance policies.

The proposed legislation would update sections of the King County Code governing the County's Risk Manager's responsibility for purchasing King County's insurance policies and advising department directors on appropriate contractual language regarding insurance. It would also clarify that both current and former employees and officials acting in good faith on behalf of King County will receive representation and indemnification if a claim is filed against them.

In 2022, the Office of Risk Management Services procured and managed over 20 types of insurance policies covering King County operations and capping the County's potential losses. Macroeconomic and geopolitical volatility, global catastrophic losses, and increased severity in large liability claims nationally continue to impact the global insurance market. Given the quickly changing insurance market, timely decision-making regarding the procurement of insurance is important because the cost and availability of insurance could adversely affect King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. Updating King County's risk management code helps the Office of Risk Management Services continue to ensure that King County and its varied programs are adequately insured.


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If your staff have questions, please contact Allison Frey, Insurance and Contracts Manager, Office of Risk Management Services, at 206-263-2252.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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