



King County

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

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would vacate King County's interest in a portion of 52nd Ave. S / Indiana Ave. right-of-way containing an area of approximately 23,376 square feet located in the West King County Areas Community Service Area of unincorporated King County.

Adoption of the proposed Ordinance would convert this right-of-way to the private use and ownership of petitioner Whispering Woods Estates LLC and non-petitioner Fred Omer Walden, as Trustee of the Fred Omer Walden Trust. 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 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's 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) Chapter 14.40. Chapter 36.87 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) establishes the right of abutting property owners to petition a County legislative body for the vacation of road rights-of-way.

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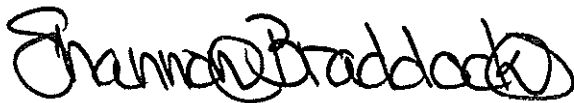
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After introduction of the proposed Ordinance and the establishment of a public hearing date by the Hearing Examiner, a notice of the public hearing is posted on-site of the road vacation. After the public hearing, the Hearing Examiner will prepare 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 proposed Ordinance. If your staff have questions, please contact Leon Richardson, Director, Department of Local Services, at 206-263-3332.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Braddock". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and a circular "B".

Shannon Braddock
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

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Leon Richardson, Director, Department of Local Services (DLS)

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