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April 1, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, will enable King County to sell parcel 212205-9183 located within Clark Lake Park, Washington, to the City of Kent in satisfaction of a long-term obligation arising out of an interlocal agreement between King County and the City of Kent.

In August 1990, the Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) awarded the County a one million dollar grant to purchase Clark Lake Park. As part of the grant, the IAC required that Clark Lake Park be used “forever for outdoor recreation purposes.” The City of Kent expanded its boundary to include Clark Lake Park in January 1996, then signed an interlocal agreement in May 1996 to widen the road serving as the northern border of Clark Lake Park. As part of the interlocal agreement, the City of Kent agreed to reimburse King County for “one-half of the costs” of any necessary property acquisition to complete the road widening project. King County purchased parcel 212205-9183 in May 1997 to replace a small portion of Clark Lake Park needed to expand the road. King County purchased parcel 212205-9183 with the condition that it “remain in use” as a “City park and open space.” The IAC approved the purchase of the replacement parcel in exchange for the conversion of a small section of Clark Lake Park.

The City of Kent did not reimburse King County for its share of the acquisition costs, and King County did not convey parcel 212205-9183 to the City of Kent as originally contemplated and the IAC approved. Through this sale, the City of Kent and King County seek to carry out the original intent and ensure that King County receives full and fair value for the replacement parcel. The City of Kent and King County have agreed to use the 1997 property values of the converted and replacement parcels because that is what was originally intended under the interlocal agreement and what the IAC approved.

This transaction is recommended per the rationale and considerations provided in the attached property summary.

Pursuant to King County Code 4.56.140 and Revised Code of Washington, 39.33.020 this proposed intergovernmental transfer of real property requires public notice, a press release, and a public hearing.

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The public notice is required to be published in an area newspaper at least ten days but no more than twenty-five days prior to the hearing. A hearing notice and a press release are attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

If your staff have questions, contact Lisa Pearson, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-263-9238.

Sincerely,



for

Girmay Zahilay  
King County Executive

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