



## King County

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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 authorizes execution of the interlocal agreements with Mountain View Fire & Rescue and South King Fire to allow these agencies to provide fire inspection services of existing businesses within unincorporated King County. Approval of this proposed legislation would allow these two fire agencies to conduct inspections, collect fees, issue correction notices of fire code violations, and issue fire permits within the portions of their jurisdictions that are in unincorporated King County. The King County Fire Marshal will maintain authority over fire inspection services under the interlocal agreement (ILA).

The ILAs provide the opportunity for local fire districts, which have greater familiarity with the communities they serve, and which provide fire protection services to the same communities, to provide inspection services. The County previously entered into similar interlocal agreements with several fire districts approximately 10 years ago. Having inspections provided by local fire districts, rather than by King County, is more efficient because of the districts' proximity to the locations they are inspecting.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. The ILAs with fire agencies will provide fire inspection services through efficient and effective use of County resources.

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

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Sincerely



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Enclosure

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