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

## Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize King County to enter into a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the City of Redmond for its Novelty Hill franchise area. The franchise agreement authorizes the placement and operation of water and sewer system facilities in certain road rights-of-way in unincorporated King County and sets forth negotiated terms, conditions, and limitations for such use.

Approval of this right-of-way franchise furthers the King County Strategic Plan objective of exercising sound financial and risk management by managing the County's risk through insurance and bond requirements and establishing franchise compensation in exchange for use of County road rights-of-way.

A draft press release and hearing notice are attached. Per King County Code 6.27.050.C and Revised Code of Washington 36.55.040, the County shall set a time and a notice of a public hearing for each franchise application. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in three public places fifteen days before the hearing and published twice in the official newspaper of the County not less than five days before the hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please contact Anthony Wright, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-477-9352.

Sincerely,

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