



## King County

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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, adopt by reference the 2022-2023 updates to the Capital Facilities Plans of school districts within King County as a subelement of the King County Comprehensive Plan's Capital Facilities Element. The proposed Ordinance also amends King County Code (KCC) to update the school impact fees assessed by King County on residential development in the unincorporated areas.

This proposed Ordinance updates the impact fees for the Tahoma, Federal Way, Riverview, Issaquah, Snoqualmie Valley, Highline, Lake Washington, Kent, Northshore, Enumclaw, Fife, Auburn, and Renton school districts.

Environmental review of each capital facility plan was conducted by the submitting school district for King County pursuant to a lead agency agreement. All plans received determinations of non-significance. Stakeholder review was conducted through meetings of the County's School Technical Review Committee (STRC) and during the public comment period for the draft proposed Ordinance. The STRC found that all of the plans meet the school concurrency standards of K.C.C. 21A.28.160. The permanent and interim improvements necessary to serve development are planned to be in place at the time the impacts of development are expected to occur.

School impact fees are calculated every year based on a formula agreed to by the County and the school districts. Individual school district fees may fluctuate from year to year based on a number of factors, including changes in student enrollment, changes in the district's building plan, new residential growth, and state reimbursement levels. When a district does not plan to construct capacity improvements within the next six years, no school impact fees will be assessed. Implementation of this proposed Ordinance is expected to have minimal fiscal impact upon the County, as reflected in the enclosed fiscal note.

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

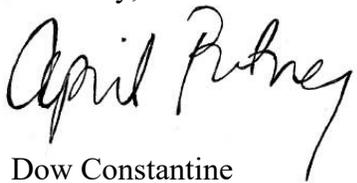
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The proposed Ordinance furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government by allowing public school districts to rely on sound fiscal planning within their six-year capital facility plans. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance, which will help the participating school districts build out their capital facilities programs.

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

Sincerely,

 for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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