February 27, 2019

The Honorable Rod Dembowski

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Dembowski:

This letter transmits a report and a proposed supplemental budget ordinance that responds to 2019-2020 Biennial Budget Ordinance 18835, Section 19, Proviso P6, and Section 84, Proviso P6. The provisos require the following:

 *Of this appropriation, $150,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a plan to implement the winery, brewery and distillery code updates and, if recommended by the plan, a proposed ordinance that adds appropriation or FTE authority, or both, to effectuate the plan.*

 *The plan to implement the winery, brewery and distillery code updates shall include, but not be limited to (l) a description of the departments and divisions necessary to implement the code updates in Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2018-024I); a description of the necessary steps those department and divisions will take to implement the code updates, including but not limited to public outreach and education, technical compliance and permit assistance for businesses; permitting and enforcement activities; and any other necessary implementation activities; (2) a description of the necessary resources to implement the code updates, including additional FTE, temporary term limited positions and consultant resources; appropriation authority for those resources; (3) a description of the activities that a consultant would perform that justifies the requested appropriation, if one is needed; and (4) an estimated timeframe necessary to bring existing winery, brewery or distillery businesses into compliance with the updated code, or come to resolution through the code enforcement process for those businesses that cannot be brought into compliance.*

*The executive should file the plan to implement the winery, brewery and distillery code updates and a proposed ordinance required by this proviso by February 15, 2019, or within thirty days of Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241) being moved out of committee, whichever comes first, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the planning, rural service and environment committee, or its successor.*

The attached report outlines a plan with a range of options to implement the transmitted version of the proposed winery, brewery and distillery code updates in Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241. The plan identifies challenges to efficient and timely code enforcement of current code violations and calls for robust outreach to promote compliance with the proposed code and licensing requirements and enforcement follow-up where necessary. As outlined in the report, implementation of the identified options would require additional resources. The attached proposed supplemental budget ordinance would provide additional resources to effectuate the least costly implementation option, which the Council can amend should they wish to pursue a different option.

The attached report and proposed ordinance are consistent with the King County Strategic Plan’s efficient, accountable regional and local government objective by ensuring that County government operates efficiently and effectively and is accountable to the public.

The cost of report preparation is estimated at $3,200, including only staff salary and benefit costs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Chan, Permitting Division Director, at 206-477-3601.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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