



## 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, if enacted, would vacate King County's interest in a portion of S.A. Nelson Road, right-of-way containing an area of approximately 32,717 square feet located in the Ravensdale area of unincorporated King County.

Adoption of the ordinance will convert this right right-of-way to the private use and ownership of the petitioners, Gary Habenicht and Richard and Wendy Melewski. Upon vacation, the County will no longer be responsible for maintenance or management of this portion of right-of-way and the public will benefit in the form of returning the property to the property tax rolls.

The findings in the attached County Road Engineer's Report for this road vacation show that the subject right-of-way has no use as part of the County road system and the public would benefit by the vacation of this right-of-way to the petitioner. It is the recommendation of the County Road Engineer and the Director of Road Services that the vacation be approved without the condition of payment of compensation.

The procedure for vacation of the subject portion of right-of-way is set forth in King County Code (KCC) section 14.40 and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 36.87, which establishes the right of abutting property owners to petition a County legislative body for the vacation of road rights-of-way.

Enactment of this proposed Ordinance aligns with the King County Strategic Plan for delivering consistent, responsive, equitable, high-quality services to residents, cities and districts, exercising sound financial and risk management, and building King County's long-term fiscal strength.

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After introduction of the proposed ordinance and the establishment of a public hearing date by the Hearing Examiner, a notice of the public hearing is posted on-site of the road vacation. After the public hearing, the Hearing Examiner will prepare final recommendations to the King County Council. Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner will be heard by the Council per KCC 14.40.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Brater, Director of Road Services Division, at 206-477-3601.

Sincerely,



for

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosure

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