Public Comments on Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241.3
Winery, Brewery Distillery Code Changes
December 2 to December 4, 2019
and
Written Comments Submitted December 4, 2019
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I am a constituent of King County asking for opposition to this bill. Please vote NO.

Sincerely,
Auryel van Gemert
8305 382nd Ave SE
Snoqualmie, WA 98065
To King County Council;

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Sincerely,
Cristie Coffing, owner and operator of The Black Dog Arts Cafe & downtown resident
PO box 24
Snoqualmie Wa.
98065
Dear King County City Council Members,

It has been brought to my attention that tomorrow you are set to vote on the proposed Ordinance #2018-0241. The King County Sammamish Valley Wine and Beverage Study. I am writing to ask you to vote against opening up the rural land in King Co.

This ordinance will open up a broad swath of rural land to retail and commercial uses in areas that are meant to be protected. This rural land is part of the natural beauty that the PNW and King County are known for. It is also the land that feeds into the Puget Sound, which is already filled with toxic run-off. Run-off form these lands flows into rivers that our wild salmon live and breed in. As you know, our dwindling salmon population are the preferred food of our critically endangered Southern Resident Killer whales. We all need to accept responsibility and acknowledge that what we do in our forests, farms, suburbs, and cities deeply impacts the health of our water and the species that live there. The loss of these species will, in-turn, hurt the people who depend on them for their own livelihoods.

I was raised in King County, and have returned to raise my family here. We love our city and our beautiful rural and wild areas. I am raising my kids to understand that we are all in this together: urban and rural, forests and waters, humans and wildlife. I hope that you can help protect this land, and stand up for the rivers, the wild salmon populations and critically endangered Southern Resident killer whales. Please vote against Ordinance #2018-0241, and Vote NO to opening up the rural land in King County to urbanization.

Thank you very much for considering my opinion, and for all the work you do for the County.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Edlund
Seattle 98117
Winery_Code:

FromUser: William Beavers

EMail: Thebeavs2002@yahoo.com

addr1: 13705 Corliss Ave N
city: Seattle
state: WA
zip: 98133

MessageText: Dear Sir or Madam,

The regulations in 2018-0241.2 are burdensome in many ways to small businesses in rural King County and to the overall health of the beer, wine and spirits industry of Washington State in general. Provisions such as 60% of agricultural products must be grown on site are impossible in most wonde production. Laws pertaining to testing rooms access to arterial roads are cumbersome at best and detrimental to an establishment's ability to operate at worst.

Please consider going back to the drawing board and working with the business that will be negatively impacted by these glaring deficiencies and other conflicts within this proposal.

Thank you,

Sean Beavers
Co-founder
Full Service Workers Alliance of Seattle
Submitted at 11:57:02 PM, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Winery_Code:

FromUser: Tom Johnston, M.Ed., M.U.P

EMail: bodymindholistic@gmail.com

addr1: 12623 NE 110th St.

city: Kirkland

state: WA

zip: 98033

MessageText: 1. This ordinance destroys farmland protections that have been in place (and are widely agreed with by the public) for the last 50 years. These include protection from development within the Agricultural Production Areas (APDs) and the environmental buffer zones areas that protect and assist King County farming.

2. Land speculation resulting from this ordinance will drive out farming uses. A no vote will tend to reduce the price of farmland to levels of cost that are more manageable for farming.

3. Allowing development on the APDs, the environmental buffer zones and anywhere on rural land connected to an arterial which is allowed should this ordinance pass will undermine the County's ability to conduct land use planning and regulate commercial development.

4. Enforcement of king county zoning laws will be enhanced by a no vote on this ordinance because, as it is written, it is too complicated to be enforceable.

5. Additional WBD development must be concentrated in urban areas, not lodged in rural and farming areas.

6. WBD development is incompatible with the farming and rural character of unincorporated King County.

7. Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries don't need any assistance from King County. As reported in the 12.1.19 Seattle Times, "Steve Warner, Director of the Wa state Wine industry trade group," expects the number of wineries in Wa. to expand from 1000 to 2000 or more in the near future.
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Respected Council Members,

I am a mother of four and resident of King County, just outside the Snoqualmie city limits. I love this area and hope my children will be able to continue to enjoy the quality of life we currently have when they are old enough to start families of their own. In fact, my 14 year old son is currently part of Carnation Farm's Rooted Program, which aims to educate the next generation about the importance of sustainable farming and local food sourcing. And, all of my children have learned in school about the importance of the Snoqualmie River and the salmon habitat in the area.

But, the measure you are considering (2018-0241) could dramatically change the Snoqualmie Valley in a way that would put the environment at risk. PLEASE VOTE NO!

In addition to local, healthy food, the valley is home to numerous and diverse species of plants, animals and fish. Increased development and traffic would put their habitats at risk. It would also have far-reaching impacts as the valley waterways ultimately empty into Puget Sound.

I find it discouraging that while my children are being taught the importance of being good stewards of the environment and recognizing their individual impacts on the land and animals who live here, our County leaders are considering a measure that would make that stewardship much more difficult.

We don't need more wineries or other businesses. We need to preserve our natural spaces and endeavor to protect them.

Thank you,

Kim Lingo
38206 SE 92nd St.
Snoqualmie, WA
98065
snolingos@gmail.com
Winery Code:  
FromUser: Dennis Williams  
EMail: juddcreek1@gmail.com  
addr1: 22554 101st lane s.w.  
city: vashon  
state: wa  
zip: 98070  

MessageText: I am an owner of and manage the property at 19429 Vashon Highway SW, which is partially included in the area of the proposed changes. I am in full support of the proposed changes, but do wonder why only the front portion of my lot is included. I believe that the entire lot should be included, as the various setbacks would make it very difficult to utilize the new zoning.
Submitted from: https://kingcounty.gov/council/issues/winery-code.aspx
Submitted at 8:18:48 AM, on Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Winery_Code:

FromUser: Janet L Williams

addr1: 22554 101ST LN SW

city: VASHON

state: WA - Washington

zip: 98070

MessageText: I own the property and run a business at 19410 Vashon Highway SW and fully support the new ordinance.

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My name is Andrew Green and along with Antoine Wilson I run Regeneration Farm in the Sammamish Valley.

We are facing an unprecedented crisis that threatens the very survival of human life as we know it. This is not an overstatement. The world's leading scientists have said we now have 11 years to change every fundamental aspect of our society if we want to survive climate change. The science says it will affect all of us. Seattle and King County are not immune. This ordinance, 2018-0241, will exacerbate this crisis. It approaches the issues at hand as if it were business as usual. This is not the case. Voting to approve this ordinance turns a blind eye to the what must be done to mitigate the worst affects of the climate crisis. Preserving critical lands in King County is a top priority in creating regional resilience. The developments that will occur if this ordinance is passed are poorly placed. They lie on lands that should be ground zero in our adaptations. Topsoil creation is one of the fastest and easiest ways to sequester the immense amount of atmospheric carbon that we must in the next 11 years. Regenerative agriculture is one of the fastest ways we can create topsoil. We must preserve rural, agricultural and buffer land and put it rapidly into the best climate adaptation uses if we are to preserve what we know and love about our region into the future. Do not approve this ordinance. It is a shortsighted mistake. Vote no and instead prioritize legislation that acts with existing science on the crisis we are in.

-Andrew Green
Regeneration Farm
206-271-1028
Dear Councilmembers -

I am writing to you as a former City Council Member and Mayor regarding the upcoming vote on the King County Adult Beverage Ordinance (Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2018-0241.3) that is scheduled for tomorrow and to strongly urge your rejection of this measure.

I am acutely aware that many business interests in the wine industry are pushing your Council for expansion of the number and geographic location of wine tasting (and perhaps production) facilities in the Woodinville and Redmond area. I believe that doing so would be a serious mistake as it will establish a significant precedent and open up a proverbial “can of worms” in terms of future land use requests that will have a significantly negative impact on other regions as well. I encourage your vote against this measure.

Here are the major problems as I see them:

1. This is a violation of the GMA. It is the “camel’s nose under the tent” that could lead to further expansion of permitted uses of land that is outside of the GMA boundary. The school districts will almost certainly line up next along with other commercial establishments such as auto dealerships, etc.

2. This would also place significant additional stress on an area that features a major salmon river in the Lake Sammamish watershed. Consequently, there should be a complete environmental evaluation prior to these permits being issued. Additional traffic and water runoff issues will arise further degrade the fish habitat.

3. If this is allowed in Woodinville then what is there to stop other such requests in other parts of King County, such as along SR202? I would not want to see similar establishments popping up just outside of Sammamish along SR202 for example.

4. If allowed, this sort of development will make it more difficult - and expensive - to acquire additional right-of-way for future expansion of roads like SR202 and SR203 which may be our best future options for accommodating future traffic growth in light of the 1.6 million additional residents now being forecast by the PSRC to arrive in the Puget Sound area.

In light of the above I highly encourage your rejection of the proposal.

Thank you very much.
Tom Odell

Former Councilmember & Mayor Emeritus
City of Sammamish
425-466-8146
From: Nancy Tosta <nancy.tosta@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 11:16 AM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Tilth Alliance requests reconsideration of Ordinance 2018-0241

Dear King County Councilmembers -

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Tilth Alliance, please see the attached request for reconsideration of the "Beverage Ordinance" in the interests of ensuring preservation of farmland and the character of Rural Areas. Thank you for your service.

Best regards,
Nancy Tosta
Chair of the Board
Tilth Alliance
December 1, 2019

Dear King County Councilmembers -

I am writing to urge your reconsideration of Ordinance #2018-0241 (Beverage Ordinance) to ensure protection of the rural areas of the Sammamish Valley for farmland and other natural resource purposes. I write on behalf of Tilth Alliance, a statewide organization with a mission of working in community with Washington farmers, gardeners, and eaters for a more sustainable, equitable, and healthy food future. As Chair of the Tilth Alliance Board of Directors, I ask that you reconsider changes you are proposing in this ordinance.

As you are aware, King County established the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District (APD) and Rural Area to ensure that the farmland and rural character of the Valley are protected for generations to come as required under the Growth Management Act. The adoption of this ordinance would allow urban-type development to expand within the Rural Area, not only impacting the quality of the Sammamish Valley, but also setting a dangerous precedent for other areas in the state. The existing ordinance on the books was drafted to protect the Rural Area, including requirements that products sold in tasting facilities be produced on-site. It is our understanding that most wineries, in what we know is a growing industry in the Valley, are complying with the intent of the ordinance. It appears, however, that lack of enforcement of the current ordinance has resulted in some businesses operating in the Rural Area without meeting the on-site production requirements. The changes proposed in this ordinance appear to enable those operations further, encouraging activities in the Rural Area that have the potential to increase traffic, contribute to run-off and pollution, and do little to safeguard the agricultural and rural character of the area. Further, such activity can contribute to increased land speculation that will eventually lead to land values that prohibit farming as a viable enterprise.

Given the impacts climate change may have on global food production, protecting agricultural land in Washington should not only be a priority for our organization but for you as well on behalf of all residents in King County. By not adopting the ordinance before you, you have the opportunity to ensure that King County’s agricultural base continues to be protected. Please recognize the needs of all residents in the County by not supporting Ordinance #2018-0241.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Tosta
Board Chair
Tilth Alliance
Parcel #152605-9051 Proposal to add to Overlay A

Geography:
1. Bordered by landscaping company to the north, KC park to the west, commercial-zoning to the south, and Woodinville Chamber, Woodinville Wine Country & Visitors Center to the east.
2. Outside the Agricultural Production District boundary.

Ownership:
1. Michael and Traci Tenhulzen purchased 9/13/19.
2. Tenhulzen name is respected for quality and integrity with dozens of successfully permitted residential remodels in KC.
3. No connection to prior owner, winery, brewery or distillery.

Precedence:
1. Sheryl Lux, KC Code Enforcement Manager removed code violations from property title to allow purchase and sale transaction from prior owner, Sal Leone.
2. Feliciana tasting room added to Overlay A some time between 3/7/18 and 3/4/19.

Existing conditions:
1. 4 structures used as tasting rooms since 2014.
2. Existing leases through 4/2021 w/ 3 year extension option.
3. 60% impervious surface since 2005.

Proposed plan:
1. 40% impervious surface or less (20% reduction).
2. Environmentally-responsible farm to table Bed & Breakfast.
3. Improved access and pedestrian safety.

Overlays A & B as of 3/7/18 with proposed parcel circled in red.

Overlay A as of 3/4/19 with proposed parcel circled in red, added Feliciana tasting room.

Woodinville Visitors Center
**Impacts of KC Ord 2018-0241.3 on Rural Area Arterials,** example

**RA Lots on Rural Area Arterials greater than 2.5 acres**

**Novelty Hill - 208th Ave NE - Union Hill - 196th Ave Ne WBD II & III lots**

- Road Distance: Approximately 4 miles, Area 1 square mile
- WBD II lots: 2.5-4.5 acres (3,500 sf structure), WBD III lots: 4.5 to 10 acres (6,000 sf structure); greater than 10 acres (8,000 sf structure)

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**Novelty Hill Between 195th Ave NE & 208th Ave NE**

RA lots on Segment > 2.5 acres: 13
Total Acres: 131,500

**208th Ave NE between Novelty Hill and Union Hill**

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**Total Potential Commercial Space**

* Data Source: King County Imap, Department of Assessments, property detail

$ Table illustrates potential for simplest subdivision for properties greater than 10 acres.
Redmond-Fall City Road  2 miles
WBD II lots 2.5-4.5 acres (3,500 sf structure), WBD III lots = 4.5 to 10 acres (6,000 sf structure); greater than 10 acres (8,000 sf structure)

RA -5 lots From UGB to 228th

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TOTAL COMMERCIAL SPACE 157,000
124th AVE NE - Wood-Red rd to Avondale
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Name
Site Address
TOTAL COMMERCIAL SPACE 68,348
I AM NANCY STAFFORD, CHAIR OF the Upper Bear Creek Community Council, WHICH has served for 20 years as a communication pipeline between the County and 22,000 plus residents of our unincorporated area.

This proposed Adult Beverage Ordinance has been the subject of our Council Meetings where the majority of those attending indicated they were against the Ordinance...... and FOR the INTENT, MAINTENANCE, ENFORCEMENT and PROTECTION of the Boundary lines of the Growth Management Act.

In King County, we have seen many well intended projects meant to make improvements, some intending to protect resources, some for personal gains. What has been learned over and over again is that once you alter a natural site, it cannot be replaced or returned again to the original condition.

The Sammamish Valley is largely zoned as Agricultural land, a type of soil that when developed, cannot be “re-made” into agricultural production land again. NOW, Fresh fruit and vegetables are available here much of the year as well as acres of acclimatized landscape materials to choose from. The Valley is a quiet green-space, a very “endangered species!”

Within the City of Woodinville, there is space and infrastructure for legal “Adult Beverage” businesses...I encourage these establishments be developed there.

Former King Co. Executive Ron Sims and former King County Councilman Larry Phillips recognized the unique nature of this land and worked hard with success to keep it protected and preserved.

Each of you NOW too, have the opportunity to support preservation by voting NO on this proposed “Adult Beverage Ordinance”.

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December 1, 2019

King County Council Members
King County Executive Dow Constantine

RE: Proposed King County Ordinance 2018-0241

Honorable Members of the King County Council and King County Executive:

Soos Creek Area Response (SCAR) is an environmental education and advocacy organization focused on the Greater Soos Creek Watershed area of South King County. I am writing to convey our strong concerns surrounding the many potential impacts of passing proposed Ordinance 2018-0241, regarding the minimum parameters for establishing wineries along various corridors throughout King County. A number of other organizations have conveyed their many specific concerns as to potential environmental and infrastructure outcomes of the proposed legislation. SCAR shares their concerns.

We join arms in supporting the many organizations already on record regarding this proposed ordinance. It is obvious there has not been adequate research conducted to properly assess the many environmental and infrastructure impacts. The Greater Soos Creek Area is largely rural and home to a number of historic rural arterials that would be deleteriously-impacted by this ill-conceived legislation. Traffic congestion and roads and sewage treatment issues are but a few of the many areas of concern cited by other organizations on record.

Given the magnitude of the many potential far-reaching outcomes, we strongly urge a vote opposing passage of this ordinance. At minimum, a vote should be postponed beyond the planned December 4 voting date to allow time for an adequate assessment of this proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Guddat

President, Board of Directors

Soos Creek Area Response (SCAR)
Amendments to the Urban Growth Area

The following policies guide the decision-making process by both the GMPC and King County regarding proposals to expand the Urban Growth Area.

DP-14 Review the Urban Growth Area at least every ten years. In this review consider monitoring reports and other available data. As a result of this review, and based on the criteria established in policies DP-15 and DP-16, King County may propose and then the Growth Management Planning Council may recommend amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies and King County Comprehensive Plan that make changes to the Urban Growth Area boundary.

DP-15 Allow amendment of the Urban Growth Area only when the following steps have been satisfied:
   a) The proposed expansion is under review by the County as part of an amendment process of the King County Comprehensive Plan;
   b) King County submits the proposal to the Growth Management Planning Council for the purposes of review and recommendation to the King County Council on the proposed amendment to the Urban Growth Area;
   c) The King County Council approves or denies the proposed amendment; and
   d) If approved by the King County Council, the proposed amendment is ratified by the cities following the procedures set forth in policy G-1.

DP-16 Allow expansion of the Urban Growth Area only if at least one of the following criteria is met:
   a) A countywide analysis determines that the current Urban Growth Area is insufficient in size and additional land is needed to accommodate the housing and employment growth targets, including institutional and other non-residential uses, and there are no other reasonable measures, such as increasing density or rezoning existing urban land, that would avoid the need to expand the Urban Growth Area; or
   b) A proposed expansion of the Urban Growth Area is accompanied by dedication of permanent open space to the King County Open Space System, where the acreage of the proposed open space
      1) is at least four times the acreage of the land added to the Urban Growth Area;
      2) is contiguous with the Urban Growth Area with at least a portion of the dedicated open space surrounding the proposed Urban Growth Area expansion; and
      3) Preserves high quality habitat, critical areas, or unique features that contribute to the band of permanent open space along the edge of the Urban Growth Area; or
   c) The area is currently a King County park being transferred to a city to be maintained as a park in perpetuity or is park land that has been owned by a city since 1994 and is less than thirty acres in size.
functions and is critical for salmon recovery. The location of the Rural Area, between the Urban Growth Area and designated Resource Lands, helps to protect commercial agriculture and timber from incompatible uses. The Rural Area, outside of the Rural Cities, is to remain in unincorporated King County and is to be provided with a rural level of service.

**Rural Area**

**Goal Statement:** The Rural Area provides a variety of landscapes, maintains diverse low density communities, and supports rural economic activities based on sustainable stewardship of the land.

**DP-45** Limit growth in the Rural Area to prevent sprawl and the overburdening of rural services, reduce the need for new rural infrastructure, maintain rural character, and protect the natural environment.

**DP-46** Limit residential development in the Rural Area to housing at low densities that are compatible with rural character and comply with the following density guidelines:
   a) One home per 20 acres where a pattern of large lots exists and to buffer Forest Protection Districts and Agricultural Districts;
   b) One home per 10 acres where the predominant lot size is less than 20 acres; or
   c) One home per five acres where the predominant lot size is less than 10 acres.
   d) Allow limited clustering within development sites to avoid development on environmentally critical lands or on productive forest or agricultural lands, but not to exceed the density guidelines cited in (a) through (c).

**DP-47** Limit the extension of urban infrastructure improvements through the Rural Area to only cases where it is necessary to serve the Urban Growth Area and where there are no other feasible alignments. Such limited extensions may be considered only if land use controls are in place to restrict uses appropriate for the Rural Area and only if access management controls are in place to prohibit tie-ins to the extended facilities.

**DP-48** Establish rural development standards to protect the natural environment by using seasonal and maximum clearing limits for vegetation, limits on the amount of impervious surface, surface water management standards that preserve natural drainage systems, water quality and groundwater recharge, and best management practices for resource-based activities.

**DP-49** Prevent or, if necessary, mitigate negative impacts of urban development to the adjacent Rural Area.

**DP-50** Except as provided in Appendix 5 (March 31, 2012 School Siting Task Force Report), limit new nonresidential uses located in the Rural Area to those that are demonstrated to serve the
From ANDREW CHRISTIAN ELY  
STEWARD in the Sammamish Valley APD  
And Farm Educator/Naturalist  
December 4, 2019  
King County Council Meeting

Thank you Council Chair,  
I would like to use my time to ask five questions. If you wouldn't mind providing the full time needed  
for me to ask these questions, that would be much appreciated.

Questions 1)  
Would you classify the following as "rural economic activities based on sustainable stewardship of the  
land?" with reference to the Rural Area Goal Statement of the County Planning Policies? (see printed  
page 29)
   1. Retail sales of shoes  
   2. The Raising of cattle  
   3. Harvesting cattle  
   4. Manufacturing of leather  
   5. Manufacturing of shoes  
   5a. Retail sales of shoes that are produced in the context of examples 2 through 5

Question 2)  
Does the current "Demonstration Overlay A" in Ordinance 2019-0241.X allow for established  
tasting rooms to operate in a Rural Area that was not initially designed for that use?

Question 3)  
Does "Demonstration Overlay A" effectively change the Urban Growth Boundary to make room  
for flourishing small businesses to continue to operate?

Question 4)  
Did "demonstration Overlay A" go through process of "Amendments to the Urban Growth Area"  
in Development Patterns-14 through DP- 20 as outlined in in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs,  
page 22)?

Question 5)  
How can the trust of King County be regained to represent the voice of Rural Area and Resource  
Land based communities, such as the Sammamish Valley to preserve, protect and most importantly  
IMPROVE the social, economic and ENVIRONMENTAL health of these communities?

Question 6)  
Does the new version of the Adult Beverage ordinance provide definition to "Remote Tasting  
Rooms" and a clear pathway for them to identify where they can be located and operate legally, beyond  
the time of the demonstration overlay?

Based on my research of the answers to these questions, the Demonstration Overlay that is being  
proposed seems to effectively bring some businesses that have been operating as commercial retail  
store fronts (similar to the shoe store, as demonstrated above) into compliance in an area that was not  
designed for their use. "Demonstration of Rural and Urban land use is exhibited by more than 100  
surrounding WBDs and Tasting rooms.
Lastly,
The identified concerns for me, and identified by many others are:

- safety of people
- Health of our natural resources
- Just economic growth
- And a better sense of our local communities
- Setting a precedent for local businesses and how they interact with policy

Would you be willing to make amendments to the current Adult Beverage ordinance to include requirements for retail businesses operating in Rural Area and Resource Lands to be required to report publicly:

1) The ecological impact of their business Quarterly as assessed by a qualified third-party at the cost of the business in operation.
2) Their efforts to support local charities and social justice efforts
3) Local economic impact of their business
4) Local production and processing of food to reduce the need for long distance transport.

Let's solicit democratic by process through community input and oversight to develop some Standard Operating Procedures that would guarantee that these worries are not

This process would bring about a better integration of businesses, a better sense of community solutions and give our local stakeholders to be at the table of decision making for the impact of these businesses that are operating in Rural Area and Resource Lands, which ultimately are necessary for the health of the Ecosystem services we depend on.
Good morning. My name is Nancy Merrill of the Enumclaw Plateau Community Association. I speak today on behalf of four King County Rural Area Unincorporated Area Councils and Associations including the Greater Maple Valley UAC; Green Valley/Lake Holm Association; and Upper Bear Creek UAC. We cover much of King County’s Rural Area stretching from the Snohomish County line to the Pierce County line, which also is home to most the Agricultural Production Districts. Approximately 100,000 people live within our service areas.

The proposed Ordinance will instigate sweeping long-term changes throughout King County’s Rural Area. It will open our Rural neighborhoods and farmlands to retail sales outlets and event centers—a significant departure from decades of policies that have successfully protected thousands of acres of prime farmland and thousands more encompassing a wide variety of Rural neighborhoods and communities. It will result in major impacts to rural character and quality of life that will affect everyone—resident and visitor alike!

Our November 21 Written Testimony details our concerns and legal issues. In summary, we find that introducing such urban retail activities into our Rural areas will cause increased traffic in neighborhoods; parking issues on protected farm lands; safety issues on narrow roads; damaging water runoff; and unwarranted lighting and noise. Most alarming is how it would encourage speculative interests that are already threatening our farmlands by inflating prices beyond what farmers can afford to pay and make a viable business plan pencil out.

King County has the tools to manage these issues under its existing regulations and authority. A wide variety of business enterprises are accommodated in our Rural areas by existing codes that define Home Occupations, Home Industries, and Agricultural activities ranging from livestock to food production. Included are provisions for certain manufacturing uses such as wineries. To make matters worse, Home Occupations/Industries, currently legal uses, are being eliminated by this Ordinance.

Thus, it not the codes, but rather the County's failure to carry out its responsibilities to enforce the codes that precipitated this issue.

The proposed Ordinance has taken a tortured path resulting in unnecessary complexities, flaws, and loopholes. It does not solve the fundamental problems at hand here. Instead, it would reward a handful by legalizing activities that would open up our Rural areas for a vast expansion of high-impact retail businesses.

The problems that led to this ordinance are few and concentrated in the Sammamish Valley. With such a contained set of problems, why would the County enact such sweeping changes affecting the entire Rural Area?

Consequently, We urge you to reject the proposed Ordinance and to implement the simplest and best solution—begin effective enforcement of current County Code. That includes limiting sales to products produced on site, which the proposed ordinance inexplicably eliminates.

Thank you.
Don’t allow the rural King County commute to become a pub crawl

Dec. 3, 2019 at 12:21 pm

By Letters editor

The Seattle Times

The rural King County commute will be severely lengthened if the Metropolitan King County Council passes ordinance 2018-0241, the Winery Code Update, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The ordinance permits development of properties greater than 2.5 acres along rural arterial roads by the alcohol industry. Roadside farms and rural residences will be rezoned to permit drinking establishments of up to 8,000 square feet. Rural arterials and highways (202, 203, 167, 526, 900, Issaquah-Hobart, Maple Valley, etc.) from Enumclaw through Duvall, and east to Snoqualmie; hundreds of roadside properties; and miles of rural roads will be impacted as wineries, breweries or distilleries (WBD) force land owners out through land speculation and increased taxes.

In one square mile of rural Redmond, 40 lots will have more than 325,000 square feet of permitted WBDs. The alcohol industry will overwhelm our two-lane roads, with left turns and roadside parking during commuter happy-hour traffic. Commutes to/from rural towns and suburbs will get much longer and more dangerous, as happens in the Sammamish Valley.

Tell the King County Council that our commute shouldn’t be a dangerous pub crawl.

Barbara Lau, Redmond, Friends of Sammamish Valley

Letters editor: letters@seattletimes.com;
First Draft for interested parties and Tammy's EYES ONLY.

FCC Speech #1 – Save Sammamish Valley for future generations worldwide
From: Jon Shaughnessy, 360/201-5145, Redjon76@yahoo.com
To: King County Council
CC: [after approval] media, FoSV, . . .
4:15 am Wednesday, 12/4/19

Foreword:

a. We are three representatives of the Friends of Climate Care who drove all the way down from Bellingham, WA, to help you take good care of the Sammamish Valley.

b. For the record, we are:
   > Keith Perry, a veteran of the Battle of Seattle, 1999,
   > Aggie ____________, a grandmother who cares about the seventh generation
     and all of our collective grandchildren, 8 billion and counting
   > Jon Shaughnessy who will speak for the three of us in the interest of time so you can defeat this proposal as soon as possible

c. Thank you for listening to us, from Whatcom County, in recognition of the impact the wrong decision day to day would have beyond your county lines.

WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR THE REST OF OUR STATE OF WASHINGTON?
WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR THE REST OF THIS CENTURY?

1. We, THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT NATION, are no longer in doubt about the cold hard facts that:
   A. Decisions we make in one place have consequences in many other places.
   B. Decisions we humans have made over the past 100 years have had impacts on our climate, both in our valleys and local jurisdictions and far beyond our counties, states, farmlands, front lawns, and back yards.
   C. NIMBY is short for NOT IN MY BACK YARD and is used as an insult hurled by developers who lie about everything, including the idea that people who rise up in defense of their beautiful Sammamish Valley don’t care about people like us.

2. We have gotten to know these people and we know who our friends are.

3. Friends don’t let friends get their rich soil paved over for another parking lot for another wine bar.

4. Friends of Climate Care join with Friends of Sammamish Valley and true friends of the earth, as well as caring Republicans and fiscally conservative Democrats, and ask you to please protect jobs and farms in your county and the tax base you need to protect, and come up with something a lot better for our collective future.

5. Seriously.

6. Your predecessors on the County Council and in the State Legislature crafted ordinances and laws that protected your agricultural lands so Washington State in general and King County in particular could balance the need for good food, spectacular landscapes, and a growing economy.

7. YES, that is as complicated as it sounds.

8. YES, you have done it before and you can do it again.

9. And YES, we are counting on you to do the right thing here and now.

10. THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT US. WE THE PEOPLE WILL THANK YOU AFTER YOU DEFEAT THIS PROPOSAL.
Dear Council Members-

I am a 30 year resident in a neighborhood in the Sammamish Valley area as well as a regular voter. You are at the point of decision-making, at the point of determining the future of this precious resource. You can vote to go with the business violators. You can vote to try to bring in more revenue by expanding this area commercially, which is what this Ordinance allows. You can sanction loopholes, land speculation and environmental degradation.

However, you can decide to protect a vital area as the past code intended. You solve the problems by enforcing the current code. You can stand your ground and do the right thing. You can protect this valuable valley. You can keep the cost affordable for farmers. You can recognize that the infrastructure does not exist for this ordinance. If the Pandora’s Box of commercialization is sanctioned, there’s no going back. You can and should do the right thing for the Sammamish Valley. We will all be watching. What will be your legacy to this area?

I ask you to please vote NO on the Ordinance and ask the Executive to start enforcing the existing code.

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Re: Ordinance 2018-0241

Dear Councilmembers McDermott, Reichbauer, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Gossett, Dembowski, Upt Hegrove, Lambert, and Balducci:

Puget Soundkeeper’s mission is to protect and preserve the waters of Puget Sound, from snowcapes to whitecaps. We are committed to stopping water pollution at the source so that one day, all of our waters will be swimmable, fishable, and drinkable. Soundkeeper has a long history of deep engagement on stormwater pollution, including advocating for stormwater solutions.

Stormwater is the number one vector for toxic pollution resulting from every day activities that threatens Puget Sound.¹ A single paved acre in Seattle results in a million gallons of stormwater runoff annually. With an average annual rainfall at SeaTac airport of 38.2-inches, the Puget Sound basin sees an average of more than 370 billion gallons of stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces each year.² The Department of Ecology estimated that, each year, between 14 – 94 million pounds total of toxic pollution enters Puget Sound via stormwater. Of this toxic pollution, between 13-92 million pounds (over 90%) is in the form of oil or grease, and specifically, 7.9 – 55 million (58%) is petroleum.³ These toxic chemicals can kill coho salmon within hours of exposure, a condition now called Urban Runoff Mortality Syndrome, or “URMS.” Toxic pollution not only impacts salmon, but our endangered Southern Resident Killer

Whales as well – toxic contamination has been identified as one of the three primary threats to their continued survival.4

Despite the severity of our regions stormwater pollution problem, recent research demonstrates that filtering polluted stormwater runoff through a soil column of sand, compost and bark, can reduce salmon prespawn mortality (URMS) – in one study, it resulted in 100% survival of exposed juvenile coho. The soil filtration also prevented reproductive damage to tiny insects salmon eat.5 Strategically including or incorporating certain soil mixes, native vegetation and trees into developed landscapes results in capturing and infiltrating polluted runoff from rooftops, driveways, and other hard surfaces, preventing pollution from entering surface waters. This type of green infrastructure - including rain gardens, filter strips, or riparian buffers - is the way of the future.

Recognizing that green infrastructure is the best method of treating and slowing polluted stormwater runoff, as a result of Soundkeeper and People for Puget Sound’s appeal of the 2007 Western Washington Phase I and II Municipal stormwater permits, the Pollution Control Hearings Board required permittees to adopt ordinances implementing Low Impact Development techniques as the preferred and commonly used approach. Ecology recently reissued the municipal stormwater permits in 2019. Phase I Permittees are now required to implement a program for Structural Stormwater Controls as part of their Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). Ecology aims this program toward retrofitting existing developed areas.6

Furthermore, one of the most important factors that can affect the quality of a surface-water body is the land use within its watershed. A number of studies have shown that the density of population and housing can affect the concentration of chloride, nitrate, and a variety of pesticides in streams that drain urban and suburban settings.7

Agricultural stormwater can cause surface and groundwater pollution. Explicitly exempted from coverage by the Clean Water Act, agricultural non-point source pollution (other than stormwater runoff from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, or “CAFOs”) is the leading source of water pollution to our nations rivers, streams and lakes. Conversions of wetlands to crop production and irrigation water diversions have brought many wildlife species to the verge of extinction. However, many farmers are also conservationists who by implementing best management practices, can and do protect water quality and wildlife habitat. Sustainable local farms can provide safe and healthy food alternatives for communities in Puget Sound while stimulating the economy.

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7 http://www.waterencyclopedia.com/La-Mi/Land-Use-and-Water-Quality.html
We support policies that protect agricultural lands from urbanization, as doing so protects against urban sprawl, encourages cities to become denser and more efficient, and preserves open space. We encourage the Council act consistently with the County’s policy of protecting the environment and rural integrity of unincorporated King County. We are concerned that Ordinance 2018-0241 may have unintended consequences: namely, that proposed revisions may open the door to more (both more intense and more frequent) commercial uses in protected agricultural areas in unincorporated King County, inviting additional development and with it, the risk of additional toxic stormwater pollution and resulting degraded water quality.

The Sammamish River is a migration corridor for Sockeye, Coho, and most importantly, threatened Chinook salmon. The majority of these fish will die due to poor conditions in fresh water before even reaching the ocean. One significant problem is high temperatures and toxic runoff in the Sammamish River. The Sammamish Valley offers a critical place where habitat restoration could take place at a lower cost than in urban, developed areas. By further developing the Sammamish Valley, particularly in protected agricultural areas, adding additional impervious surfaces, conditions will likely deteriorate further for salmon. King County has made salmon recovery a priority, and many salmon restoration projects along the Sammamish River are already underway. We would ask that any code changes carefully consider these investments to ensure that they are not put at risk, which would not only jeopardize investments made in salmon recovery by tax-payers, but put salmon at greater risk. As such, we respectfully request that a full environmental review be conducted on the potential impacts of this ordinance before a final decision is made.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Ordinance 2018-0241. We look forward to continuing to engage with the Council on issues impacting water quality and salmon habitat.

Sincerely,

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This is a statement from Terry and Dave Orkiola, who are unable to attend today.

We bought this acre in 1997, built a barn, got a horse and absolutely loved this place. We share a property line with Matthew’s and our house is in line with their entertainment wine bar building. We had no problems with the original Namesake owner, who made wine there. This changed when the current owners moved the wine-making away and turned the property into a wine bar in about 2012.

The owners knew the zoning when they purchased Matthew’s, which is in the backyards to about 9 houses.

When they were in full operation, they had music 6 days and nights per week. The music was so loud we could not have a conversation in our back yard. It seems they have toned down a bit, but fear they would go back to more frequent and noisy events if this ordinance passes and legitimizes them. Even as things are now, I wish that they would not be allowed to be a wine bar and we didn’t have to listen to the drunk sing alongs 3 nights per week.

We watched them re-route a creek, fill in wet lands and clear acres of trees. We called the County when this was going on and got very little response.

This valley needs to be protected. Please vote NO on this ordinance.

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