Public Comments on Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241.2
Winery, Brewery Distillery Code Changes
March 15 – June 4, 2019
Dear Council:

Susan Boundy-Sanders from the Woodinville City Council here, but speaking mostly as a private citizen.

Now that the Beverage Ordinance, 2018-0241, has come to the full Council, I'm attaching a few documents, some modified slightly from those I submitted at Monday's committee meeting.

Woodinville's Resolution 532, with its cover letter, is the Woodinville City Council's official position on the ordinance as of mid-February 2019 -- in other words, Woodinville's resolution addresses the Executive's transmittal and Chair Lambert's Conceptual Striker.

The other three documents are from me as a private citizen, and address specific concerns some of you have raised in conversations with me.

- In response to the concern, "I don't want to put anybody out of business," a table shows the ways in which the businesses with code complaints against them are not in danger of shutting down.
- The statement that the ordinance does not threaten agricultural land or farming is refuted with a document that lists several ways in which development in agricultural buffer land violates Best Available Science and fuels land speculation, thereby harming the Agricultural Production District.
- The third document contains two tables. One lists the 870-plus acres of vacant and redevelopable commercial land in Woodinville, Redmond, Kirkland, and Bothell as of 2014. The other table lists commercial vacancy rates and commercial development newly opened, under construction, or in design inside the Woodinville city limits.

Overall, the goal is to show clearly that Ordinance 2018-0241 is needlessly generous to the businesses that are the primary beneficiaries of the ordinance. The businesses with code complaints against them are mature and robust, with plenty of wealth backing them up. They do not match the study's goal of supporting "burgeoning" businesses, with that word's connotation of newness, tenderness, and vulnerability.

My request of you is to realize that nearby cities can and should be the places to host these robust manufacturing, retail, and bar enterprises. Instead, I'd urge you to turn your attention to the entities that really do need and deserve your help: farms and farmers, salmon and other wildlife, and rural homeowners. I hope that as you take up this ordinance you will transform it into something that fits with the many other environmental and agricultural initiatives that King County and its citizens have invested so heavily in, for so long.

Specifically, I urge you to:

- Rescind the ill-conceived and legally questionable Settlement Letter.
- Enforce code.
• Strengthen citations and fines.
• Close loopholes.
• Do an EIS.
• Prioritize farming, farmers, and farmability of the land.
• Modify the ordinance so that it keeps rural and agricultural land, rural and agricultural.
• Eliminate the overlays.
• Provide incentives and a timeline for urban activities to move inside the UGA.

Kind regards,

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Planning, Rural Services, and Environment Committee
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Councilmembers:

Thank you for working to clarify and strengthen the enforceability of King County code as it applies to the adult beverage industry. The City of Woodinville asks that the County Council consider the points that follow as Ordinance 2018-0241 works its way through the PRE Committee and to the full Council.

Overall, Woodinville encourages the County Council to pay close attention to the unintended consequences of any policy changes that will affect the Sammamish Valley if the ordinance and enforcement are not strengthened. Woodinville’s specific recommendations, made with these considerations in mind, are added to this letter as Attachment A. Some of the principles that guide our recommendations include:

Locate Urban Activities in Urban Areas. Large-scale gatherings generate impacts that quickly overtax rural infrastructure. To avoid these unnecessary challenges, activities and facilities which generate large traffic or parking activity should be located in areas within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

Foster Responsible Business Practices. With around 130 wineries, breweries, distilleries, and remote tasting rooms operating legally in Woodinville, and more in Kirkland and Redmond, cities have worked conscientiously with the adult beverage industry to foster commercial areas that are attractive to and accommodating of the industry and their customers. These businesses, in turn, have spent the extra time and expense to get permits and adhere to codes. All of these businesses are put at a competitive disadvantage by any business operating out of compliance and who take advantage of a lack of enforcement.

Do No Harm to Farms. Sammamish Valley agriculture is itself a significant tourist draw and, as importantly, the ambiance it creates is critical to the tourism-dependent businesses that have chosen to locate in the area. Recognizing the value of the Valley, the King County Council designated the Sammamish River Valley as an Agricultural Production District and made it eligible for Farmland Preservation Project funds. The protection that this designation affords is well deserved because of the Valley’s fertile soils, high productivity, diverse sustainability programs, and award-winning farmers. However, the City is concerned that this designation and its regulations may not be enough to protect the Valley.

Create Clear Code. Woodinville believes that one of the primary goals of the beverage ordinance should be to add clarity to regulations and facilitate enforceability. It should also provide incentives for compliance.

Enforce the code. Woodinville asks that the King County Council provide the necessary resources for any and all regulations to be enforced, including sufficient
funding for a full-time enforcement officer for the ordinance. We support the budget proviso and study by DPER, but are concerned about the possibility of delays associated with a study. The City asks that enforcement be funded and begin as soon as the ordinance is passed.

The City hopes the County Council will take the above principles into consideration as legislation is refined. In Attachment A, the City asks the County to further consider and incorporate several modifications to provisions in the Executive's proposed legislative package, Technical Striker S1, and PRE Committee Chair Lambert's conceptual striker. The result will be an even more successful wine industry and will increase the chances of a healthy agricultural industry in the Sammamish Valley and surrounding area.

Thank you very much for your consideration. The City looks forward to continuing its partnership with King County in developing solutions on this issue.

Sincerely,

James V. Evans
Mayor

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Attachment A: City of Woodinville Response to Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241 and Technical Striker S1, and PRE Committee Chair Lambert's conceptual striker
Attachment B: City of Woodinville Resolution No. 532, Supporting Enforcement of King County Zoning Codes; Supporting Increased Protections of Agricultural and Rural Lands In and Surrounding the Sammamish River Valley; Supporting Transit Improvements in the Sammamish Valley and City of Woodinville
Attachment C: City of Woodinville October 17, 2018 letter to the King County Council Regarding Funding for Outreach and Enforcement

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## Attachment A

City of Woodinville Response to Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241

This document addresses the Executive’s transmission, Technical Striker S1, and PRE Committee Chair’s striker. The table below is arranged to roughly match the matrix staff has been using, but our table does add rows for elements that Woodinville recommends adding to the ordinance.

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<th>Definition of Event</th>
<th>The definition of ‘event’ should clearly differentiate activities included within normal business operations, activities outside of normal operations, activities that need a special event TUP, and activities and conditions that need a CUP.</th>
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<td>Does not exist in current code (21A.06), Exec’s proposal, Technical Striker S1, or Chair Lambert’s conceptual striker.</td>
<td>The definition should reflect the complete list of stakeholders: DPER, passers-by, nearby cities, neighbors, and WBDs that are operating legally, in addition to the WBDs and remote tasting rooms benefiting from this ordinance.</td>
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<td>A definition that enables viewers to determine an event’s occurrence by sight is desirable. For example, an event might be defined to include the presence of temporary tents, portable toilets, stages, temporary bridges, traffic control personnel, and/or a need for additional parking over the permitted number of maximum spaces.</td>
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<td>In the context of this ordinance, events might be indicated by the sale of tickets, special advertising, invitations or RSVPs, or specified start and end times. Events can be private or public, but are marked by being outside the normal course of business.</td>
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<td>In the proposed code, an event is implied to begin and end on a single calendar day; this should be made explicit in the County’s regulations.</td>
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<td>Examples of events might include release parties, weddings, family days, wine club parties, and corporate events.</td>
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<th>Definition of Winery (21A.06)</th>
<th>1. The definition must require all (not just one or some) of the essential steps in manufacturing wine: fermenting, finishing, blending, bottling, aging.</th>
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<td>Current definition: An establishment primarily engaged in one or more of the following:</td>
<td>2. The existing definition of winery must be further refined to include definitions of “primary” and “primarily” including the metric – revenues, weight, acreage, square footage, man-hours etc. – by which it is judged. Specifically, there must be a method by which the County will determine an</td>
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| A. Growing grapes or fruit and manufacturing wine, cider or brandies;  
B. Manufacturing wine, cider, or brandies from grapes and other fruits grown elsewhere; and  
C. Blending wines, cider or brandies. | establishment's "primary" activity as compared to other activities.  
Woodinville recommends the Council ensures that "manufacturing" means that all of the activities required to process whole grapes or other unprocessed fruit into wine, cider or brandy take place on the site, including fermentation and barrel or tank aging.  

**Definition of WBD I**  
New  

Woodinville supports definition in Technical Striker S1: Winery, brewery, distillery facility I: A very small-scale production facility licensed by the state of Washington to produce adult beverages such as wine, cider, beer and distilled spirits and where on-site product tasting or retail sale of merchandise does not occur.

**Definition of WBD II**  
New  

For RA Zones, Woodinville supports definition in Technical Striker S1.

For A Zones, Woodinville supports the following definition: Winery, brewery, distillery facility II: A winery, brewery, or distillery as those terms are defined by KCC 21A.06, that meets the size limitations of the zoning district in which it is located for a winery, brewery, distillery facility II, licensed by the State of Washington to produce adult beverages such as wine, cider, beer or distilled spirits. A Winery, brewery, distillery facility II may include on-site tasting and sales of products produced on-site only.

**Definition of WBD III**  
New  

For RA Zones, Woodinville supports definition in Technical Striker S1.

For A Zones, Woodinville supports the following definition: Winery, brewery, distillery facility III: A winery, brewery, or distillery as those terms are defined by KCC 21A.06, that meets the size limitations of the zoning district in which it is located for a winery, brewery, distillery facility III, licensed by the State of Washington to produce adult beverages such as wine, cider, beer or distilled spirits. A Winery, brewery, distillery facility III may include on-site tasting and sales of products produced on-site only.

**Minimum lot size**  
(Various sections of Exec's proposal; 21A.08.080.)  

Current minimum is 4.5 acres for permitted uses, 10 acres for conditional uses, in both RA and A zones.  

Woodinville supports the current minimum of 4.5 acres with added conditional uses if the parcel size is at least 10 acres.
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<th><strong>Amplified Sound</strong></th>
<th>Woodinville strongly recommends that the County prohibit amplified sound outdoors for all WBDs outside the Urban Growth Boundary. We believe that amplified outdoor sound is not consistent with rural character.</th>
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<td><strong>Tasting hours:</strong></td>
<td>Allowing tastings during evening commute hours would create impacts from the 19 business driveways on Woodinville-Redmond Road, increasing congestion by adding traffic and turns on the existing two-lane road.</td>
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<td>(Section 16 of Exec's proposal; 21A.08.080.)</td>
<td>Woodinville supports the hours in the Executive's original transmittal: Mon-Thurs 11am-5pm Fri-Sun 11am-7pm</td>
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<td><strong>Sales</strong></td>
<td>Woodinville recommends that WBDs in A Zones be allowed to sell only products produced on-site. We note that this is consistent with the Growth Management Act's requirement that facilities on Agricultural land be directly in support of products grown on the site.</td>
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<td>WBD I sales not allowed; WBD II and III sales permitted.</td>
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<td><strong>Events; Temporary Use Permit Requirements</strong></td>
<td>As noted above, Woodinville requests a clear, relevant, and enforceable definition of &quot;event.&quot;</td>
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<td>(Section 21 of Exec's proposal; 21A.32.120 of KCC)</td>
<td>Further, we urge the County Council to consider whether and how events are in alignment with rural character.</td>
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<td>Requirements for WBD II and III in Agricultural zones: events limited to 2 per month and all parking must be accommodated on site or through a plan approved by the director</td>
<td>The City also has concerns about provisions in the draft language of the legislation that could make large hardscaped parking areas, needed mostly for events, a permanent entitlement by way of a conditional use permit.</td>
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<td>Requirements for WBD II and III in Rural Area zones: events limited to 24 within a one-year period and all parking must be accommodated on site or through a plan approved by the director</td>
<td>Also of concern is the most recent iteration of Overlay B which proposes lifting all limits on size and frequency of events.</td>
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<td>Requirements for WBD II in Agricultural and Rural Area zones, consider building occupancy limits and parking</td>
<td>Woodinville's specific limits in the table below maintains the character of businesses and atmosphere of the Valley and the UGB. The City asks the County to consider the number of events and their size in a way that still honors the area's rural or agricultural setting while maintaining alignment with neighboring properties and uses. Businesses hosting frequent and large-scale events will likely be better served within the UGB where the character and many types of infrastructure already exist to support such activities.</td>
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<td>As such, Woodinville supports the following limits that maintain the Valley and surrounding and its character.</td>
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limitations during permit review, shall condition the number of guests and shall not be more than 125 guests.

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<td>WBD II in RA Zones</td>
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Woodinville requests that events be limited to weekends and holidays to mitigate likely traffic impacts that may cause significant travel disruptions for commuters and local businesses.

**Water supply**

(Section 16 of Exec's proposal; 21A.08.080.)

For the most part, WBDs and tasting rooms must connect to public water supply but are not prohibited from using well water.

Farms cannot survive without the irrigation water that they have the senior right to.

Woodinville recommends WBDs be required to use public utility water, and only public utility water, in their commercial operations.

**Product Content**

(Manufacturing Table - Agriculture Zones – Production Facilities; Section 16 of Exec’s proposal; 21A.08.080.various KCC)

Exec's Requirements for Winery, Brewery, Distillery II and III in Agricultural zone: 60% of product to be processed must be grown on

For RA zones, Woodinville supports lifting on-site growing requirements.

For A Zones, Woodinville recommends that only products produced on site should be allowed for sale. We note that this is consistent with the Growth Management Act's requirement that facilities on Agricultural land be directly in support of products grown on the site.
| **Site.** In RA zone, remove production requirements | Woodinville supports closing loopholes in the definition of winery. We recommend a similar change to production requirements: Require all essential production steps in WBDs and prohibit production in remote tasting rooms.

In A Zones, Woodinville supports allowing WBDs to locate on the portion of the property “least suitable” for agricultural production purposes, as opposed to “unsuitable” in other drafts. |
| **Adult beverage Production/Facility Location** *(Section 16 of Exec’s proposal; 21A.08.080.)*** | |
| All types of WBDs require production. | |
| WBD I requires production, and does not allow tasting or sales | |
| WBD II and III require production and allow tasting | |
| Remote tasting rooms allow tasting and do not allow production | |
| **Parking** Parking proposals vary, but the highest-impact proposals allow 1 per 50 sf of tasting plus retail space, and possibly even more via CUP. | Woodinville supports limiting parking to one space per 300 square feet. We consider this to be appropriate because it is consistent with other types of businesses in RA and A Zones, minimizes hardscaping in the SO-120 agricultural buffer overlay, and allows sufficient space for customers. Woodinville does not support the proposal of allowing a parking plan for WBD IIIs via CUP, because of the irrevocable nature of CUPs. We consider this a guarantee of hardscaping uphill of farmland, with the result of stormwater pollution of agricultural resource land. More generally, the City suggests that the Council consider limiting parking facilities on the basis that these types of facilities are not in alignment with character and purpose of rural and agricultural areas. |
| **Citation/Fines** *(Section 24 of Exec’s proposal; 23.32.010 KCC)* | Unpermitted activity in the Valley is problematic. We hope that the ordinance will result in an end to unpermitted activities, and we believe that citations and fines are a vital part of the solution. However, current fines are inadequate to achieve this goal.

We believe King County’s goal should be to provide a meaningful disincentive to businesses contemplating unpermitted activities. Woodinville supports a fine structure that progresses fairly steeply to fines in the tens of thousands of dollars. We believe that the fines should be meaningfully larger than any |

<p>| 1st violation –$100 | |
| 2nd violation in past 12 months - $250 | |
| 3rd violation or more in past 12 months - double the rate of the previous penalty | |</p>
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<th>zoning code violations including but not limited to unapproved events – 1st violation - $500 Subsequent: $1000</th>
<th>potential revenue, and, should include mechanisms that ensure repetitive violations will put the violator out-of-business. Once rules are established (whatever they may be), Woodinville believes that all stakeholders should abide by those rules. Woodinville recommends three kinds of changes to the fine structure. First, we suggest that the scope of citations should be expanded to include not only events, but also other activities that are damaging to the land or neighborhood, such as parking in unsuitable locations, improper use of water, improper hours of operation, use of amplified sound outdoors, improper hardscaping, etc. Second, Woodinville recommends a citation structure that scales fines based on the magnitude of the infraction. For example, fines might be based on parameters that vary with the size of the event such as the number of cars, number of guests or tickets, revenues in terms of admission fees and sales, number of vehicles, parking stalls, or facilities on site (i.e. portable toilets, stages, temporary tents, etc.). Third, Woodinville recommends fines that provide incentives for compliance.</th>
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<td>PRE Chair’s conceptual striker: The fine structure is more gradual than the Exec’s, and like the Exec’s fines only events</td>
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<td>Overlays A and B</td>
<td>Woodinville’s concerns are grounded in the history of the Sammamish Valley. The current Agricultural Production District is what is left after incorporations and annexations by Redmond, Kirkland, and Woodinville; and rezoning from Agricultural to Rural by the courts. In other words, the extent of Sammamish Valley farmland is already greatly diminished. The City is concerned that the proposed overlays are likely to create even greater pressure for permitted use revisions that would expand the uses, facility sizes, and density in areas that are not able to handle them. The City asks the County to consider greater preservation of Sammamish Valley agricultural land as the primary objective of any revisions to the code. If the County Council decides to proceed with use of overlays, we would recommend a more cautious approach, establishing overlays only on lands not protected by other overlays such as the SO-120 Agricultural Buffer that is intended to protect farmland in Agricultural Production Districts.</td>
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<td>Grandfathering (Sections 22 and 23 of Exec’s proposal; 21A.55 of KCC)</td>
<td>Woodinville objects to the provisions in the Executive’s proposal and Technical Striker S1 that grandfather businesses accepted into the demonstration projects, even if the demonstrations are cancelled and the overlays removed.</td>
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| **Conditional Use Permits**  
Various new privileges allowed via Conditional Use Permit (CUP) | For the CUP provisions in the draft ordinance, Woodinville has serious concerns about privileges that would be granted, and then be irrevocable no matter how harmful to local stakeholders such as farmers, other businesses, neighbors, and commuters. |
RESOLUTION NO. 532

A RESOLUTION OF THE WOODINVILLE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING ENFORCEMENT OF KING COUNTY ZONING CODES; SUPPORTING INCREASED PROTECTIONS OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL LANDS IN AND SURROUNDING THE SAMMAMISH RIVER VALLEY; SUPPORTING TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SAMMAMISH VALLEY AND CITY OF WOODINVILLE; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 483.

WHEREAS, the Woodinville City Council adopted Resolution No. 483 on August 2, 2016 to establish the City’s position on the issue of preservation of the agricultural and natural character of the Sammamish Valley; and

WHEREAS, King County has completed an extensive public input and study process and is now considering legislative action to revise County Code addressing land use regulations in the Sammamish Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Woodinville City Council deems it prudent and appropriate to ensure its position on the issue is current; and

WHEREAS, Sammamish River Valley wine tourism relies in part on unobstructed views of working agricultural land to draw wine tourists; and

WHEREAS, agricultural land is a nonrenewable resource; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of King County voted in 1979 to fund a Farmland Preservation Program that includes the Sammamish River Agricultural Production District for the purpose of preserving farmland, agriculture, and open space (see https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wlr/sections-programs/rural-regional-services-section/agriculture-program/farmland-preservation-program.aspx); and

WHEREAS, the average price of high-quality farmland in Washington has increased 25 percent in the last year, and nearly 50 percent in the last four years (Seattle Times, “Latest Washington real-estate gold rush: farms,” July 20, 2016, https://www.seattletimes.com/business/real-estate/latest-washington-real-estate-gold-rush-farms/); and

WHEREAS, Washington has lost more than a million acres of farmland between 1997 and 2012 (https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume_1_Chapter_1_State_Level/Washington/st53_1_001_001.pdf); and

WHEREAS, development has already made some Sammamish Valley agricultural acreage too wet to farm (Attachment 2); and

WHEREAS, King County has protections such as SO-120 (the Agricultural Production Buffer Special District Overlay, KCC 21A.38.130) to prevent upslope development from harming agricultural land but these protections have proven inadequate (Attachment 3); and
WHEREAS, Washington's Growth Management Act Goal 8, RCW 36.70A.020(8), encourages conservation of agricultural lands and discourages incompatible uses (Attachment 4); and

WHEREAS, King County's Countywide Planning Policy DP-57 discourages incompatible land uses adjacent to designated Resource Lands including agricultural land (Attachment 5); and

WHEREAS, The Washington Supreme Court has held that agricultural land must be protected under the Growth Management Act, King County v. Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, 142 Wn.2d 543 (2000), recognizing that "allowing incompatible uses nearby impairs the viability of the resource industry" (referring to agriculture), City of Redmond v. Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, 136 Wn.2d 38 (1998); and

WHEREAS, King County's Countywide Planning Policy DP-50 requires that new nonresidential uses in the Rural Area be limited to uses that are demonstrated to serve the Rural Area (Attachment 6); and

WHEREAS, the sprawling style of illegal uses can cause environmental harm to nearby agricultural land, and availability of suitable land inside the Woodinville city limits for such uses mean that expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary in order to accommodate such uses is unnecessary and contrary to the criteria identified in Countywide Planning Policies DP-16 and DP-17 (Attachment 7); and

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement in Woodinville's Comprehensive Plan recognizes the economic and cultural importance of healthy farmland and a healthy agricultural industry in the Sammamish Valley (Attachment 9); and

WHEREAS, the presence of approximately 100 wineries and tasting rooms, plus numerous breweries, distilleries, and cideries inside the Woodinville city limits demonstrates that wineries and tasting rooms can thrive while complying with GMA-mandated zoning and permitting requirements; and

WHEREAS, parking is insufficient during peak tourism hours in the City's wine districts;

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY REPEALS RESOLUTION NO. 483 AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Woodinville City Council respectfully requests that the King County Council take actions that will ensure enforcement of current code in and around the Sammamish Valley.

The Woodinville City Council respectfully requests that code enforcement shift its standards closer to both the letter and spirit of the codes.

The Woodinville City Council regards code enforcement as a necessity for the continued existence of agriculture in the Sammamish River Valley. We regard any discussion of relaxing code as compounding what is already a very real threat to the continued viability of Sammamish River Valley agriculture.

Section 2. The Woodinville City Council respectfully requests that King County Council not only preserve all Agricultural zoning, but also increase the protections on upslope Rural land, because the current protections have proved inadequate.
Agriculture has value in its own right, as affirmed by King County voters when they approved the Farmland Preservation Program in 1979. It is also the basis for Woodinville wine country tourism: without the country aesthetic that the farmland provides, there is no Woodinville wine country.

Preserving Agricultural zoning is necessary, but not sufficient. Upslope development has already made some Agricultural acreage too wet to farm (Attachment 2). This indicates that the existing protections that apply to nearby Rural land, such as SO-120, are insufficient and should be strengthened, broadened in the scope of development and permitted uses covered, and extended to cover more geographic area. Preserving farmland, agriculture, and farmers means that current proposals for Rural land, including retail overlays, relaxed permitted uses, Urban Growth Boundary amendments, rezones, relaxed definitions, relaxed standards, and any other changes that allow urban activities upslope of Agricultural zoning should be rejected by the King County Council on the grounds that they have already harmed, and are likely to further harm, agriculture and farmers in the Sammamish Valley.

Section 3. The Woodinville City Council respectfully requests that the King County Council preserve views of working agricultural land from the roadways in the Sammamish River Valley.

Unobstructed views of productive farmland are essential to the ability of the Sammamish Valley to draw tourists; places like Seattle already have numerous production wineries much closer to the homes or lodgings of wine tourists. Therefore, developing the parcels along the roadside between Woodinville and Redmond not only damages the feasibility of using the land for agricultural uses by increasing runoff, but also erases tourism value of the Sammamish River Valley by obscuring the views that attract tourists.

Section 4. The Woodinville City Council respectfully requests that the King County Council set a higher bar for initiating consideration of relaxation of existing protections for the Sammamish River Valley every four years, as even such studies destabilize agricultural land prices, thereby jeopardizing agriculture in the Valley (Attachment 1).

Section 5. The Woodinville City Council commits to continuing to make Woodinville a hospitable host for manufacturing and sale of alcoholic beverages.

The City of Woodinville hosts approximately 100 wineries, breweries, distilleries, and tasting rooms inside its city limits — a strong indication that its land use codes are a good fit for the industry. The City is currently reviewing its zoning code, permitted uses, and permitting processes to identify opportunities for making the area inside the city limits (inside the Urban Growth Boundary) even more inviting to the wine and beverage industries.

The overwhelming majority of the wineries and tasting rooms in Woodinville wine country operate successfully within the Woodinville city limits. With nearly 190 acres of vacant and redevelopable commercial land inside the city limits, there is ample space for every winery in the state of Washington to have a tasting room inside the Woodinville city limits (Attachment 8).

The commercial or industrial-scale manufacture and sale of wine, as with any other product being manufactured and sold at such a scale and at a location other than where the raw materials are grown, are fundamentally urban activities. The fact that so many wineries are conducting these urban activities successfully in Woodinville is proof that the industry can not only survive, but thrive in an urban setting.
Section 6. The Woodinville City Council respectfully requests that the King County Council explore ways to provide public transit and alleviate parking shortages in Woodinville's wine districts.

No public transit serves Woodinville's wine districts. This forces tourists to visit by private vehicles, causing even more demand for parking than most commercial districts experience. Woodinville receives many requests by tourist-oriented business owners for transit service. We are grateful for Metro's current Alternative Services study. We ask that the King County Council also consider adding fixed-route service serving Woodinville's Park & Ride and covering Woodinville's downtown, Hollywood, West Valley, and North Industrial wine districts. This fixed route service would complement King County's ongoing efforts to better utilize existing park & ride facilities by transporting tourists, local employees, citizens, and transit-dependent individuals from available remote parking to their destinations throughout the City.

RESOLVED this 15th day of January 2019.

James Evans, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Katie Hanke, City Clerk

Passed by the City Council: 01-15-2019
Resolution No. 532
### Summary of Available/Recently Sold Property
### In Woodinville Wine Country

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<th>Current Owner</th>
<th>Property Address</th>
<th>Parcel Number</th>
<th>Acres</th>
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<th>Asking Price</th>
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<td>13229 Woodinville Rd NE</td>
<td>2326059024</td>
<td>4.00</td>
<td>$557,000</td>
<td>$10,000,000</td>
<td>1695.33%</td>
<td>Annie McKenzie-Mutch (Agent)</td>
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<td>Carlson</td>
<td>15132 148th Ave NE</td>
<td>3407700011</td>
<td>4.15</td>
<td>$371,000</td>
<td>$2,600,000</td>
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<td>Windemere Real Estate</td>
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<td>Brown</td>
<td>16725 140th Ave NE</td>
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<td>7.98</td>
<td>$715,000</td>
<td>$3,000,000</td>
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<td>13425 NE 171st St</td>
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<td>$7,000,000</td>
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<td>14701 148th Ave NE</td>
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<td>1.48</td>
<td>$445,000</td>
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Comment originally submitted to the King County Council for the 2012 Comprehensive Plan update:

THE ROOT CONNECTION CSA
13607 Woodinville-Redmond Rd NE
PO Box 267
Woodinville Wa 98072
rootconnection.net

December 18, 2011
Re: Proposal to move the Urban Growth Boundary in the Sammamish Valley

I have been a farmer and farm manager in the Sammamish Valley for over 26 years. There are specific reasons why I am opposed to moving of the UGB, which I will address here.

Any change in density of lands surrounding farmlands to farms has an immediate and detrimental effect on farming production:

A number of years ago, new houses were built on the hill directly across from the Root Connection property, along with a new road leading up to those houses. The buildings, roads and driveways have been the direct cause of an extreme increase in runoff from the hill, which flows via piping underneath the Wood-Red Rd. and empties directly onto our farmland. This has resulted in appx. one-fourth of our acreage now being too wet to farm. **Since our average annual production of vegetables on this farm is 11,250 lbs per acre, this means that 45,000 lbs (22.5 tons) of much needed food production has been lost – forever.**

Since the land this farm is on is in the Farmland Preservation Program, this loss is not only the farmer’s loss, but a loss to all the citizens of King County who voted to tax themselves so that food could be produced here.

Similar problems have occurred at another property I manage, a 47 acre piece on the corner of the Wood-Red Rd. and NE 124th St. (commonly referred to as the “South 47”). Citizens formed an LLC to purchase this property, which was then put into the Farmland Preservation Program. The motivation was to make sure this property would always be farmed. **Unfortunately, due to increased building and commercial activities surrounding this farm, 9 acres are now too wet to farm, and drainage of the whole parcel has been affected.**
When will we stop using the lands that are needed to feed our population as a dumping ground for water run-off and the resulting contamination that results? Moving the UGB will destroy the surrounding farmlands, and it will not take long. We cannot keep nipping at the ends of the valley and expect the middle to survive. A healthy ecosystem has to maintain a certain size in order to function. Some of these properties considered in this ill-advised plan have wetlands or are adjacent to wetlands. I’m sure that proposals for dealing with that would be to push that water and runoff from increased building and pavement onto the neighboring farms, which would then cause flooding and pollution. Anyone who says this won’t happen is not a farmer and really doesn’t know what they are talking about. This would also leave the door open for these properties to be annexed to Woodinville, and we can see how well that worked out for the farmlands that used to exist in the valley.

Yes, yes, most folks who are wary of encroachment on farmland areas would bemoan the loss of “open space”, “quality of life”, “rural atmosphere”, etc. And while these reasons are important for citizens who live in the area, as well as businesses such as some wineries and restaurants that depend on a somewhat picturesque landscape, the most important reason of all is to protect our food security in local food production. (As in “Agricultural Production District”.)

If we can stop infringing on the APD, we will be able to protect the lands that remain. **There is enough farmland available in the Sammamish Valley to produce over 12 million pounds of vegetables annually, enough to provide more than 80,000 people with 150 lbs each year.** We just need some patience. We almost lost all our farmers 30 years ago, and it’s taken that long for new farmers to make some of these lands productive again. It may take another 30 years before the majority of the parcels are actively farmed. Do we have to go the way of all those other valleys where the farmlands have been destroyed? That’s how it happens – little by little – can we have the wisdom to learn from the past and be different?

Respectfully,

Claire Thomas
President, Roots of Our Times Cooperative
King County agricultural buffer

SO-120: Agricultural Production Buffer SDO

Summary

An agricultural production buffer special district overlay provides a buffer between agricultural and upslope residential land uses.

Story

Amended by Ord. 15028, 10/11/2004 (Map)
Amended by Ord. 15032, 10/11/2004 (Language)
Amended by Ord. 15326, 11/25/2005 (Map)

Description

Agricultural Production Buffer SDO

Development Condition Text

21A.38.130 Special district overlay - agricultural production buffer.

A. The purpose of the agricultural production buffer special district overlay is to provide a buffer between agricultural and upslope residential land uses. An agricultural production buffer special district overlay shall only be established in areas adjacent to an agricultural production district and zoned RA.

B. The following development standard shall apply to residential subdivisions locating in an agricultural production buffer special district overlay: Lots shall be clustered in accordance with K.C.C. 21A.14.040 and at least seventy-five percent of a site shall remain as open space, unless greater lot area is required by the Seattle-King County department of public health. (Ord. 15032 § 50, 2004; Ord. 12823 § 8, 1997).

https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/legislation/kc_code/24_30_Title_21A.aspx
Washington Growth Management Act

RCW 36.70A.020

Planning goals.

The following goals are adopted to guide the development and adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations of those counties and cities that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040. The following goals are not listed in order of priority and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of guiding the development of comprehensive plans and development regulations:

... 

(8) Natural resource industries. Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural, and fisheries industries. Encourage the conservation of productive forest lands and productive agricultural lands, and discourage incompatible uses.
King County Countywide Planning Policies

**DP-57** Discourage incompatible land uses adjacent to designated Resource Lands to prevent interference with their continued use for the production of agricultural, mining, or forest products.
King County Countywide Planning Policies

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 Rural Area, unless the use is dependent upon a rural location. Such uses shall be of a size, scale, and nature that is consistent with rural character.
King County Countywide Planning Policies

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.

DP-17  If expansion of the Urban Growth Area is warranted based on the criteria in DP-16(a) or DP-16(b), add land to the Urban Growth Area only if it meets all of the following criteria:
   a) Is adjacent to the existing Urban Growth Area;
   b) For expansions based on DP-16(a) only, is no larger than necessary to promote compact development that accommodates anticipated growth needs;
   c) Can be efficiently provided with urban services and does not require supportive facilities located in the Rural Area;
   d) Follows topographical features that form natural boundaries, such as rivers and ridge lines and does not extend beyond natural boundaries, such as watersheds, that impede the provision of urban services;
   e) Is not currently designated as Resource Land;
   f) Is sufficiently free of environmental constraints to be able to support urban development without significant adverse environmental impacts, unless the area is designated as an Urban Separator by interlocal agreement between King County and the annexing city; and
   g) Is subject to an agreement between King County and the city or town adjacent to the area that the area will be added to the city's Potential Annexation Area. Upon ratification of the amendment, the Countywide Planning Policies will reflect both the Urban Growth Area change and Potential Annexation Area Change.
Net buildable acres represent the amount of land available for actually development after critical areas, market factors, right-of-way needs, and other factors are considered. Applying these factors nets the City 36.8 acres of vacant buildable land and 131.8 acres of buildable land in its commercial and industrial zones. Net buildable acres are used to determine the amount of additional building square feet and employment capacity a parcel can support given the current zoning.

Note #1: On December 31, 2015, a Development Agreement in Woodinville’s Tourist Business District lapsed. This adds roughly 20 acres to the vacant land area in the Tourist Business District, for a total of 22 vacant acres in the heart of the Sammamish River Valley.

Note #2: Removing the acres unavailable for wineries or tasting rooms (NB, O, & R-48/O districts) and adding the 22 vacant acres described in Note #1, the total vacant and developable land for these type of uses within Woodinville City Limits is approximately 187.3 acres.
Woodinville Comprehensive Plan, Vision Statement

In the year 2035, Woodinville is a safe, welcoming, family-friendly, and diverse community that supports a successful balance of neighborhoods, parks and recreation, businesses, and tourism. We have preserved our Northwest woodland character, our open space, and our clean environment. Woodinville is a vibrant community in which to live, work, play, and visit. We have cultivated a compact, inviting downtown in which locally owned businesses can successfully establish and thrive. We have enhanced our ability to move about the community by all modes of travel. We have strengthened the agricultural and wine industries in Woodinville, the Sammamish Valley, and throughout the state by transforming locally sourced food, libations, and hospitality into an internationally renowned tourism experience.
October 17, 2018

King County Council
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear King County Council:

As you deliberate on the many details of the County’s 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and work toward adoption in the coming weeks, the City of Woodinville hopes that you will consider the recommendations and thoughts below with regard to programs and related policies not yet adopted. One such priority issue is of great shared interest: fully and meaningfully addressing non-compliant, and in some cases scofflaw, businesses which potentially undercut the viability of the adult beverage industry.

With regard to proposed Ordinance 2018-0241 (aka “Adult Beverage Ordinance” or “Winery Legislation”) $50,000 has been proposed in the 2019-2020 omnibus budget (page 505 of the draft budget book) that would fund a six-month outreach effort to existing businesses and provide technical assistance to wineries, breweries, and distilleries to obtain compliance with County zoning codes and become eligible for business licenses throughout the permitting process. We believe this $50,000 is insufficient to successfully implement Ordinance 2018-0241 and will undercut any chance of the legislation realizing its purpose.

The City requests that the County expand the scope of this outreach effort and its funding. Specifically, the County should consider fully implementing all enforcement provisions as detailed in the final adopted form of Ordinance 2018-0241 – from citation through revocation of business licenses for businesses that choose not to comply. Woodinville also requests the County increase the budget to cover a full-time enforcement officer for the three-year duration of the pilot programs in Overlay A and B. Outreach and enforcement will likely require the County’s careful attention throughout the jurisdiction. Increasing the budget for enforcement will allow the County to conduct meaningful outreach and fully enforce these new regulations countywide. Consistent enforcement of the new regulations throughout the duration of the pilot program period will improve adherence and have the effect of creating a more level playing field that will allow existing legal businesses, as well as those participating in the pilot programs, to thrive.

While the City recognizes this request is significant, we believe that fully implementing and funding outreach and enforcement is critical to ensuring the new adult beverage regulations are successfully implemented and adhered to. The County Council’s PRE Committee members, Woodinville City Council members, and neighborhood groups have repeatedly discussed the importance of enforcement, and the consequences of the lack of enforcement. As the County
Council is aware, affected employers, employees, residents, and visitors all have much at stake and thus smooth implementation of the new regulations is crucial.

Thank you, again, for considering the City of Woodinville’s comments on these issues. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the County on this effort.

Sincerely,

CITY OF WOODINVILLE

James Evans
Mayor

cc: Jim Chan
    Jenny Huston
“I don’t want to put anybody out of business” – Not a real problem

Susan Boundy-Sanders, as a private citizen
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Summary: Because they are renters, have other distribution channels, have other lines of business, or other reasons, no code violators in the Sammamish Valley are genuinely in danger of being put out of business as a result of King County’s ordinance or enforcement.

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<th>Winery</th>
<th>Own or rent?</th>
<th>Production or tasting only?</th>
<th>Volume</th>
<th>Events</th>
<th>Locations</th>
<th>Also sold at</th>
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<td>Matthews</td>
<td>Own</td>
<td>Tasting</td>
<td>&lt;6000 cases in 2012</td>
<td>March 2019: 1-3 public events per week on calendar</td>
<td>Grapes: Negociant Production: &quot;All&quot; in Walla Walla Tasting: Outside Wdnvl (RA zone). Also have a space in Wdnvl Warehouse Dist</td>
<td>Costco, Village Wines, wine.com, totalwine.com madwine.com</td>
<td>Retirement project. In addition to paid events, several free events per year for Facebook communities</td>
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<td>Feliciana</td>
<td>Rent</td>
<td>Tasting</td>
<td>2500 cases/pr</td>
<td>March 2019: 1 public event per week shown on calendar</td>
<td>Grapes: 66-acre estate south of Walla Walla Production: Walla Walla Tasting: Walla Walla, outside Woodinville (RA zone)</td>
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<td>Also B&amp;B in Walla Walla</td>
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<td>Silver Lake / Roza Hills / Fish Brewing</td>
<td>Own</td>
<td>Tasting</td>
<td>50,000 cases/year</td>
<td>No events posted online. Weddings at Yakima location.</td>
<td>Grapes: Negociant Production: Zillah (near Yakima) Tasting: Outside Woodinville (RA zone) Land: Vacant parcel in Woodinville South Industrial District</td>
<td>QFC, wine.com totalwine.com</td>
<td>Silver Lake is consumer-owned, but other wineries are owned by Sal Leone. Sal is retired periodontist.</td>
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<td>Cougar Crest</td>
<td>Rent</td>
<td>Tasting</td>
<td>12,000 cases/year</td>
<td>None on calendar</td>
<td>Grapes: Owns 110 acres of grapes on own estate Production: Walla Walla Tasting: Outside Woodinville (RA zone), Walla Walla, Spokane, Dundee OR (SW of Portland)</td>
<td>Costco, QFC, Village Wines, wine.com totalwine.com madwine.com compasswines.com</td>
<td>David Hansen was veterinarian, Deborah a pharmacist for ~25 years. 110 acres of 125-acre apple orchard have been converted to grapes.</td>
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<td>Winery</td>
<td>Ownership</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Tasting Frequency</td>
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<td>Cave B</td>
<td>Rent</td>
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<td>Forgeron</td>
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<td>Tasting</td>
<td>5000</td>
<td>1-2 per month posted for Woodinville</td>
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<td>Sky River</td>
<td>Own</td>
<td>Tasting</td>
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<td>DeLille</td>
<td>Own</td>
<td>Tasting</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>March 2019: All posted events are at Kirkland Maison.</td>
<td>Grapes: Negociant Production: Moving to former Redhook site Tasting: Woodinville Hollywood District (in city), Kirkland, sales at Chateau (outside Woodinville in RA zone)</td>
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<td>Betz</td>
<td>Own</td>
<td>Production</td>
<td>Open 2x/yr for releases</td>
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<td>Grapes: Negociant with designated blocks in 4 AVAs Production: Outside Woodinville in RA zone Tasting: None</td>
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Seattle neurosurgeon purchased several hundred acres in 1980. Part is now The Gorge Amphitheater. They have sold off 44 condos, inn, spa, and restaurant.


Founded 1992. 2018: Announced that production will move to Redhook site. 2018: Greg Lill says he is gradually retiring ("stepping back").

Betz family sold to Steve and Bridgit Griessel in 2011. Bob Betz is now consulting winemaker.
Agricultural zoning is not enough to protect farms. Here’s why.

There’s nearly universal agreement that the Sammamish Valley and its agriculture are special, beautiful, and worth preserving. Some, however, claim that all that’s necessary to preserve Sammamish Valley agriculture is Agricultural zoning. Here’s why that’s necessary, but not sufficient.

Land speculators are pricing farmland out of reach of farmers.

- Two agricultural parcels in the Sammamish Valley have sold in the past three years for $230,000 to $300,000 per acre [1, 2], compared to Washington’s 2016 average of $12,500 per acre [3].
- Two agricultural parcels are currently for sale from $500,000 to $1,625,000 per acre [4].
- Developers are approaching farmers with offers to buy their farmland for development.
- Nonenforcement, and rewarding violators with favorable code changes, set a precedent for loosening land use rules in response to violations.

Buffers upslope of Agricultural land are Best Available Science and King County code. The proposed overlays overthrow Best Available Science.

- Buffers around Ag lands are Best Available Science, encouraged by the USDA to reduce erosion, shield farmland from pests and pathogens, and to infiltrate pollutants [5].
- King County’s Special District Overlay 120 (SO-120) was established to provide a buffer between agricultural and upslope residential uses (at a time when residential was the only likely use) [6].

Salmon need cold, clear, clean water.

- Properties within a quarter mile of the 100-year floodplain of the major receiving water – including the Sammamish Valley overlays and properties near them – are exempt from requirements to detain their storm water. They can release water warmed by blacktop and polluted by runoff with minimal treatment for pollutants, and no treatment for temperature [7].
- Conversely, farmers tell us that their well water supply has been diminishing rapidly over the past few years. This means less cold, clean water entering the Sammamish River.

Crops need darkness.

- Artificial night time light impairs the growth and flowering of plants [8, 9, 10].
- Bats and other nocturnal animals pollinate plants and eat pest insects at night. Studies show that the ecosystem may suffer if feeding is inhibited by artificial night, which blinds bats. [11].
- Insects, including pollinators, are mesmerized by artificial night lights and hover around lights rather than going about their usual activities [12].

Crops need clean air.

- Ground-level air pollution impairs plants’ ability to develop [13].

Crops need quiet.

- In response to urban noise levels, birds are showing changes in metabolism and in behavior. The changes impact the time they spend eating pest insects and therefore reduce crop yields [14].
- The number of birds reduces with increases in noise [15].
References

[14] https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects_wildlife.htm

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Buildable lands and leasable space inside the UGB

From the inception of the Sammamish Valley study, a fatal flaw has been that the study, report, and ordinance have ignored buildable lands and leasable commercial space inside the Urban Growth Boundary—the appropriate location for manufacturing, retail, and commercial entertainment venues such as those permitted by King County Ordinance 2018-0241.

To that end, here is a listing of buildable land inside the four cities closest to the Sammamish Valley. The 870-plus total acres in the table below are nearly the size of the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District.

All values are from the 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report, Technical Appendix D.

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<tr>
<th>City</th>
<th>Bothell (in King Co.)</th>
<th>Kirkland</th>
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<td>Commercial</td>
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<td>Mixed-Use</td>
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<td>85</td>
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<td>Industrial</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>18.9</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>104</strong></td>
<td><strong>216.7</strong></td>
<td><strong>345.8</strong></td>
<td><strong>205.2</strong></td>
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In addition, Woodinville has a significant amount of commercial space, either new or in process:

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<th>Zone</th>
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<td>Industrial</td>
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<td>3.2%, avg $15.74/sf/yr</td>
<td>Eastside vacancy rate per NAI-PSP</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retail</td>
<td>Leasable retail space</td>
<td>2.1%, avg $27.67/sf/yr</td>
<td>Eastside vacancy rate per NAI-PSP</td>
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<td>S. Industrial</td>
<td>15902 Wood-Red Rd</td>
<td>158,725 sf</td>
<td>Newly complete, mostly vacant</td>
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<td>Downtown</td>
<td>Woodin Creek Village</td>
<td>Tens of 1000s sf</td>
<td>Under construction</td>
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<td>Old Town</td>
<td>Few 1000 sf</td>
<td>Building permits applied for</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tourist</td>
<td>Apple Farm Village</td>
<td>Few 1000 sf</td>
<td>Building permits applied for</td>
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<td>Civic campus</td>
<td>14,000 sf</td>
<td>Development Agreement passed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tourist</td>
<td>Woodinville (Wine) Village</td>
<td>Tens of 1000s sf</td>
<td>Zoning entitlements granted</td>
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<td>Fowler property</td>
<td>Few 1000 sf</td>
<td>In design</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Woodgate/Doug’s Boats</td>
<td>Tens of 1000s sf</td>
<td>In design</td>
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<td>Molbak’s nursery etc.</td>
<td>Tens of 1000s sf</td>
<td>In design</td>
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The bottom line is that commercial space is not needed outside the Urban Growth Boundary. In particular, commercial space is not needed in the agricultural buffer zones protected under the Agricultural Buffer Special Overlay, SO-120.

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We need real farms in King county. Not drinking establishments.

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FromUser: Nicole Candiano

EMail: ncan75@msn.com

addr1: 16422 NE 148th Place

city: Woodinville

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MessageText: I am disturbed to see elected officials disregarding the current law (code enforcement, anyone??), and then taking direction from the scofflaws in the form of an ordinance that stands to benefit them! I expect my elected representatives to have the good of the entire community in mind. And, the good of the environment in which this community resides. The ordinance and the new striker both show little concern for the future of our community. Yes, you will see some increased revenue in the short term, but the long term health and attractiveness of the community are not being addressed. At the committee meeting on March 11, I heard many experts speak to the huge and far-reaching problems that would be created with this ordinance. I urge you to carefully review these comments and the materials that have been presented to educate yourselves on the impact this ordinance will have. Please remember, "Once destroyed, nature's beauty cannot be repurchased at any price...Ansel Adams."

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19118 101st Place NE
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Sincerely,
Lori Harris
16424 NE 133rd Ct.
Redmond, WA 98052
Auzins, Erin

From: Kevin Scott <kevin@k2scott.com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: King County is NOT doing its job of preserving the rural character of the Sammamish Valley

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15020 Northeast 144th Street
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13515 173rd PL NE
Redmond, WA 98052
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Nilima Srikantha
15733 NE 99th Way
Redmond, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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Juliana Patrick
16228 NE 153rd ST
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Maureen Weaver
16011 NE 145th Street
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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15417 NE 162nd ST
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6057 6th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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12826 NE 185th ct
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9398 Rdmd Wdvl Rd NE Apt E125
REDMOND, WA 98052
FYI – I’ve gotten about 15 of these this morning.

From: Lori Harris <jupiterflorida17@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 8:07 AM
To: Auzins, Erin <Erin.Auzins@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: King County is NOT doing its job of preserving the rural character of the Sammamish Valley

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Sincerely,

Lori Harris
16424 NE 133rd Ct.
Redmond, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

This is shameful! As representatives to the county it is your job to be the voice for all King Co. citizens, not just those who like IPA and Wine. Turning the Sammamish Valley into a brewer's row will take the little character that Redmond and Woodinville have left and scatter it to the wind. This section of the region should never have been included in the UGA in the first place, there's plenty of space and opportunity for upzoning in Woodinville's and Redmond's retail cores that could support this infrastructure more safely. Building spaces for people to drink on rural routes with little to no bus service is a flagrant disservice to public safety. Know that if this passes every dollar and life that's sacrificed to the inevitable car crashes on the main road is on your hands.

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Sandra Henson
15724 154th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
From: Derek van Veen <derek_vanveen@hotmail.com>
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* Increases in asking prices for agricultural farmland due to speculators betting that zoning laws will be changed

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18020 214th ave NE
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* Altercations with police.
* Hundreds of cars parked everywhere along the road, in residential front yards, in parking areas intended for recreational uses, and on farmers' fields where we have paid dearly for the development rights. Maybe return these monies from the King County coffers?
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Sincerely,
DANA WILSON
17010 ne 133rd street
redmond, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

As a resident of Woodinville for 14 years, I am concerned about preserving the quality of our farmland. I love our wineries but they should be operated responsibly. Due to lack of code enforcement in the Sammamish Valley, we already know the impacts of having drinking establishments in Rural Area (RA) neighborhoods.

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Jennifer Drury
13036 NE 198th Ct
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Due to lack of code enforcement in the King County, we are having the same problem in Happy Valley east of Redmond, where an event venue illegally began holding events in a Rural Area (RA) neighborhood, and plans to open a distillery.

Event centers draw in large crowds of people where these urban use businesses need commercial infrastructure such as roads with proper turn lanes, parking lots, sidewalks, sewer hookup, storm water drains, and lighting - none of which is available in the RA lands.

The statement in the proposed law that it supports these "adult beverage industry uses as being community gathering places (where) rural residents desire to take advantage of economic opportunities" is a joke. You consider an alcohol producer to be a community gathering place?? And it's not rural residents' desire for these types of "economic opportunities", it is usually wealthy business people from outside the community who are buying rural properties to take advantage of lower costs and larger population centers.

Further, the statement "Existing and proposed regulations on the adult beverage industry are designed for a size and scale appropriate for the rural communities they are located in" is ridiculous. Adult beverage producers and tasting rooms are completely inappropriate for rural communities, especially when they also operate as event venues, and are surrounded by rural residential communities.

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Why on earth are historic structures treated differently, as in "Structures and parking areas for winery, brewery, distillery facility uses shall be set back a minimum distance of seventy-five feet from interior property lines adjoining rural area and residential zones, unless located in a building designated as historic resource". I live next to one, and see no reason to provide a different set of setback rules, which will very negatively impact my property.

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Sincerely,
patty anderson
20806 NE 58th St
Redmond, WA 98053
Auzins, Erin

From: Francy Hastie <franch@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 5:12 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: King County is NOT doing its job of preserving the rural character of the Sammamish Valley

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Lori Poliski
17016 NE 152nd St
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I have been a homeowner in the Farm area of Woodinville since 1995. I chose to bring my family to this area for the rural environment but the closeness to important services. I own a 2.5 acre parcel of land where I grow produce of which 95% gets donated to the Redmond Multi Services Food Bank. The rural nature of the community and the opportunity to farm quietly and effectively has added an average of 2000 lbs of food to the food bank every year for the past 20 years. Over the past few years, the traffic, pollution, parking issues, and lack of zoning enforcement has changed the nature of my land and the surrounding area.

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Lisa Brummel
14330 160th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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I fear that the lax attitude of the council will lead to even more commercialization of our valley. Someday we may actually need to rely on farmlands such as ours, and we owe it to future residents to preserve this scarce resource.

I wonder what the motivation of the Council is in allowing unnecessary and unsightly development in the valley. Is it for a bit more tax revenue? Do members of the Council personally have financial interests that would benefit from a change in zoning?

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16718 171 Pl. NE
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sara vowels
13833 176th Pl NE
Redmond, WA 98052
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Marcus Smith
18417 NE 137th St
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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10821 NE 147th Lane, P201
Bothell, WA 98011
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FCC-SPC Shaughnessy
Box 1892
Ferndale, WA 98248
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Woodinville has made our downtown ugly by not having a plan. We have a chance to preserve the valley and create a cohesive plan to have some commerce while doing the things we need to like a wider road with turn lanes.

This is our town and valley’s future and farmland, drainage, beauty, animal habitat, etc. for future generations. We don’t want to look like Lynnwood and we will. The Woodinville city council has ruined our town. Please help us preserve our best resource, the land. There is no more.

Sincerely,
Arianne and Peter Burnham
Woodinville, WA
206/234-3971

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15520 160th Ave ne
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Alyse De Kraker
15216 NE 156th St
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Barbara Lau
12941 169th Ave NE
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Sharon Peach
15227 NE 160th St
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14551 166th Ave NE
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Submitted at 7:59:23 PM, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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MessageText: I do NOT believe that wineries & tasting rooms that opened WITHOUT legal permitting in unincorporated areas of Woodinville in King County should be allowed to continue to operate or be grandfathered under the newest proposed ordinance for wineries & distilleries.
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And now want to be grandfathered ?? These seems absurd !!
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Please, as you vote on the new ordinance, consider those of us who live near the wine district and obey the laws respect our ag lands.
Thank you.

Nancy Kaplan (425) 485-1017
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Sincerely,
Aslaug Haraldsdottir
14255 157th Pl NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

This is our chance to preserve the character and sustainability to the Sammamish Valley. Due to lack of code enforcement in the Sammamish Valley, we already know the impacts of having drinking establishments in Rural Area (RA) neighborhoods.

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mary vermeulen
16734 NE 102nd Pl
Redmond, WA 98052
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Sincerely,
Laura Manko levite
14907 159th Ave n3
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I have been a resident of Woodinville, living in unincorporated rural King County for over 25 years. We chose to raise our children in this community, complete with open space, farmlands, and a separation of rural and urban zoning. Carrying this legacy forward and maintaining this ambience is essential and mandates effective codes AND the ENFORCEMENT of these codes.

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Please do not allow the Sammamish Valley to become a "strip mall" of illegal retail outlets, with the added traffic and related land use impacts.

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Sincerely,
Carolyn Tanksley
14551 166th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Sincerely,
Kim Dahlman
14249 157th Place NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Sincerely,
Dominique France
14267 157th Pl NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Sincerely,
Noah France
14267 157th Pl NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I have lived in King County all of my life and in the Sammamish Valley area for over 30 years. I have seen that because the existing codes have not been enforced in the Sammamish Valley, illegal drinking establishments have ALREADY been having impacts on Rural Area (RA) neighborhoods.

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Sincerely,

Ann Haldeman

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13822 173rd Ave NE
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Amy Itkin
15440 NE 165th Street
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Jeff Itkin
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Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

It is with great concern for the rural atmosphere that we have enjoyed in the Sammamish Valley and the reason so many of us chose to make this home decades ago. PLEASE listen to the people who live here, as well as those who visit for all the reasons that have made this the place we so enjoy. We elected you to represent us -- please listen to us and follow through on your commitment to represent us.

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Thank you for listening to us and acting on our behalf, not only for those of us now, but for those who will visit and for those who will want to call this place home in the future.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Iverson
16717 NE 166th Street
Woodinville, WA 98072
Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:53 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Form submission from: https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/issues/winery-code.aspx

Submitted at 10:53:27 AM, on Friday, March 29, 2019

Winery_Code:

FromUser: Dominique France

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city: Woodinville

state: WA

zip: 98072

MessageText: It appears that our elected officials have missed a fundamental concern: The proposal submitted requests funding to enforce an expansion on a situation that has never been enforced or complied with to begin with! Why would there be any trust in these advocates for expansion of alcohol establishments when their track record to date has been 100% in total disregard & defiance to the existing laws. More laws for the lawless?? Pointless & making an already bad situation for residents even worse. These profit-mongers don't care about the community, why we live her or what the impact is that they make & destroy!

The enforcement to date has NOT happened at all & any increase in appropriations may find allocations elsewhere I expect ? I have zero confidence in the allocation to enforcement of what has been a history of total disregard for the regulations & now an expansion to make the safety, traffic congestion & inappropriate land use even worse!

If elected officials voting on this matter have not yet, they should be required to visit the area on a weekend or holiday ? it?s a disaster of drunken drivers. In fact you could likely fund this entire thing with fines if even issued just from that! My neighbor has been t-boned twice while pregnant due to this already terrible situation as just one example! There is absolutely no consideration to alleviating the current traffic congestion or violation issues, only proposals to increase the propensity of exacerbating an already bad situation!

This MUST be stopped. Elected officials have a responsibility to protect & preserve the rights of voters/residents directly impacted & impose enforcement of current regulation. Lack of current enforcement is a poor precedent that these expanding business are taking full advantage of.

Enforce current laws! Stop creating new ones & making the lives of residents more difficult & destroying our valley.

And lastly, the Demonstration Project Overlay A in document 2018-241 is a total joke! How can a comparison be drawn from an already urbanized region to a farming, rural area?! Apparently our elected officials are not doing their jobs or
not paying attention to the details & easily swayed by the arguments of people who may or may not even live in the community!!

I sincerely hope that elected officials will put a stop to all this & protect, preserve & enforce current laws!
Winery_Code:

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zip: 98072

MessageText: As a member of the Sammamish Valley community and a long-time resident of Hollywood Hill in unincorporated King County, I am once again asking the Council to please support the amendment from Friends of Sammamish Valley for proposed King County Ordinance #2018-0241, responding to the King County Sammamish Valley Wine and Beverage Study.

Due to lack of code enforcement in the Sammamish Valley, we already know the negative impacts of having drinking establishments in Rural Area (RA) neighborhoods. By "drinking establishments", I'm not referring to real wineries, breweries or distilleries, but instead to remote tasting rooms, bars, taverns, event centers, or "pretend wineries" - businesses that draw in large crowds of people where retail distribution, not beverage making, is the predominant or only objective. These urban use businesses are URBAN uses that require URBAN-level commercial infrastructure such as roads with proper turn lanes, sidewalks, parking lots, sewer hookup, storm water drains, and lighting - none of which is available in the RA-zoned areas.

With so many existing Sammamish Valley violators operating due to lack of enforcement by King County, the ongoing negative impacts in the RA neighborhoods are substantial:
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* Opportunistic vendors, such as hot dog trucks and ?peddle vehicles?, traveling on SR-202 during commute hours and on weekends.

None of the current impacts are in character with the RA zone - and you are attempting to legalize even more commercial, urban use activity! This is completely counter to the purpose and intent of the Growth Management Act, as well as to the desires of the majority of homeowners in the area. Don?t reward the business speculators who openly operated out of compliance with existing zoning, swarming in once it was clear that King County would not enforce its own zoning code to protect our APD & RA zoning.

You only get ONE CHANCE to stop urban sprawl and focus growth where it belongs and can be properly supported; once the land is gone, it?s gone ? as Will Rogers said, ?they don?t make it anymore?. Don?t let our protected lands slip away now to benefit a handful of speculators. Please protect the RA character, maintain appropriate land uses in and adjacent to the Agricultural Production District, and protect the beauty of this area for future residents of King County. Please adopt the Friends of Sammamish Valley Amended Ordinance.
Winery_Code:

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city: Redmond

state: WA

zip: 98053

MessageText: I beg you to rethink the setback rules for buildings, including those considered historic, used for adult beverage production, especially when adjacent to a residential area. Even 75 feet is not adequate for the building, tasting room, and especially the parking lot. I see no reason to treat an historic building differently under the law as any rural building. They already get property tax reductions and usually grant money to restore the building.

I also BEG YOU PLEASE to not allow these properties to also host events, even through a TUP. If you must allow this PLEASE, limit the events to 1 or 2 per month, AND PLEASE DO NOT ISSUE A NOISE VARIANCE FOR AMPLIFIED MUSIC AT ANY TIME OF DAY.

I believe that the adult beverage business is completely inappropriate for rural properties, especially when they are closely surrounded by private residences. It's one thing for a struggling, legitimate farmer in need to supplement their farm income, but most of the rural properties being converted into breweries, wineries, etc, are being purchased by wealthy people who have no intention of farming the land, their primary purpose is to cash in on the adult beverage business. There is no reason these people should not be buying or leasing commercial land/buildings for this purpose.
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Peter Vermeulen
16734 NE 102nd Pl
Redmond, WA 98052
Winery_Code:

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MessageText: As a 30-year Woodinville resident, I'm devastated to learn of the proposed changes to code that will alter the rural nature of the precious Sammamish Valley. Already, the changes have made it a difficult place to live. While driving through the roundabout by the Hollywood Schoolhouse, I regularly have to avoid pedestrians darting across the street (not in crosswalks) and cars cutting me off in the roundabout nearly causing accidents. More development will only increase these problems. Woodinville roads (and septic systems) can't handle more people. King County is bursting at the seams, and Woodinville is (for now) one of the last peaceful places left to live. Please don't take that away from us just because greedy developers and politicians want revenue. While growth is necessary in any healthy community, altering the entire framework of a small town is not. Please listen to the people who will be most impacted by YOUR decisions. We are trusting you as our public servants to hear the voices of the people who elected you.

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Sincerely,
Juliana Patrick
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Dear KCC;

We have lived and loved Woodinville for twenty years; raising our family, working, enjoying wineries, concerts and our trails. We're a cohesive community supporting each other in business, farming, recreation and life! The disciplined growth of the wine/beer/spirits industry has been appropriate and celebrated...until recently.

Bullies are trying to muscle their way into changing what the community desires to enforce.

There are codes.
It is NEVER okay to violate code without discipline.

There are violators.
It is NEVER okay to change the code/rule to accommodate violators.

Say NO to bullies and don't let fear or coercion control our fate!
Bring violators into compliance and approved the Friends of Sammamish Valley Amended Ordinance. Please!

I respectfully ask KCC to stand up for what what is RIGHT and hear what we have to say:

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This includes this resident!! Thank you!!

Stacy Lough

Sincerely,
Stacy Lough
PO Box 1203
Wodinville, WA 98072
Winery Code:

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Message Text: Due to lack of code enforcement in the King County, we are having the same problem in Happy Valley east of Redmond, where an event venue illegally began holding events in a Rural Area (RA) neighborhood, and plans to open a distillery, tasting room, and 60 car parking lot, which will all be very close to our property line and our home.

Event centers draw in large crowds of people where these urban use businesses need commercial infrastructure such as roads with proper turn lanes, parking lots, sidewalks, sewer hookup, storm water drains, and lighting - none of which is available in the RA lands. They then bring in portable toilets which are an eyesore, unsanitary, and require pumping and the transport of sewage through farm lands.

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As for "screening", I can assure you there is no screening available that will stop the noise of events or the smells from distilling or brewing spirits. Just because you can't see something does not mean there will not be a negative impact to the neighborhood.

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Please stop any further spread of tasting rooms (bars) and event venues (party places) and protect the RA character, and surrounding residences.

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patty anderson
20806 NE 58th St
Redmond, WA 98053
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amanda uluhan
13325 NE 118th Ct
Redmond, WA 98052
Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Form submission from: https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/issues/winery-code.aspx

Submitted at 10:34:53 AM, on Saturday, March 30, 2019

Winery_Code:

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Council:
I wrote to you last August about the importance of preserving close-in farmland. It is irreplaceable. You don’t seem to get it.

We value this rare gem in the Sammamish Valley, a truly rural area accessible to the local urban community. “Rural” as in agricultural land used for growing food, NOT used for a destination recreation and entertainment industry.

Your move to adopt this “Beverage Ordinance” is a thinly-veiled first step to turn a remarkable, productive, healthy valley (Designated as such by Growth Management goals) into a polluted, congested carnival of developer-driven, profit-skimming, environment trashing commercial ventures.

Our state had the foresight to pass the Growth Management Act to delineate urban boundaries to preserve our environment. Commercial creep resulting from your reckless move will lead to road widening, utility extensions, vehicle exhaust, polluted runoff, and loss of flood plains as this fertile land is swallowed up.

Don’t do it!
Please.

Mary Rumpf
Consumer of fresh Sammamish Valley-grown food since 1996

Sincerely,
Mary Rumpf
8909 NE 118th PL
Kirkland, WA 98034
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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Deborah Stewart
7501 Greenwood Ave. N., Apt 301
Seattle, WA 98103
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

As a long time resident of Grousemont who moved into this development and neighborhood in large measure due to the rural and bucolic nature of this area, I am appalled by the prospect that the King County Board would think to change the rules that govern how this area is managed and what kind of businesses would be allowed to open their doors.

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13521 157th Court NE
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11808 93rd Lane NE #8-203
Kirkland, WA 98034
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Sincerely,

Dillon Deveney

18004 NE 93RD CT2
REDMOND, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

It’s time for the Council to start listening to their constituents. I can unequivocally tell you that there is no way I will be voting for anyone on the council (for any elected position) should that council member vote in favor of the bastardized beverage ordinance with the wording from Kathy Lambert’s committee.

It is clear that council members have been turning a deaf ear to all of us that live here in our beautiful valley and have said, “NO!” again and again to this proposal.

Please start listening to your voters, and preserve the beautiful valley that makes our space so unique. Put the wineries and tasting rooms inside the city limits where the infrastructure can support the sewage, and first responders are closer to the masses. We have plenty of commercial space available so that:
- the drinking establishments can be clustered closely together, thus making it more convenient for the consumers; significantly reducing drinking and driving on roads that cannot support the traffic we already have, to places that have limited or no parking, and are not on public sewage systems.

Just vote NO, period. I know who I will be voting NO on, next election.

Sincerely,

Michelle Flickinger

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Michelle Flickinger
15124 176TH AVE NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Due to lack of code enforcement in the Sammamish Valley, we already know how the proposed zoning change will impact our area of having drinking establishments in Rural Area (RA) neighborhoods. We also know this is a county wide zoning change proposal effecting other areas of King County.

Below are some pertinent facts which should be examined before the endorsement of the zoning change:

Please publish any Environmental Impact Statements. We need to know what the effect of this zoning change will be on the Valley and the water quality of the Sammamish River. Isn't this a federal or state requirement? There is a fishery in Issaquah which releases the young salmon to reach Puget Sound traveling through this River.

Local "Farm to Table" dinners will be at risk of feeding contaminated foods, grown in the Valley, to their guests.

Can King County be trusted to regulate and enforce laws of our area when King County has been so sloppy in the past?

And, indeed, are you asking the City of Woodinville to Annex these rural areas, for lack of infrastructure? King County is cutting their nose off to spite their face.

This zoning change is an ill thought idea. I feel sorry for my neighbors. We have 8 acres on which we raise cattle. This "ranch" has beautiful Seattle vistas.

Realistically and sarcastically we could establish an all night bar. It would be perfect with the zoning change! We have room for 100s of people to attend concerts, drink "adult beverages", smoke their weed, crank up the concert music. Plenty of room to pave over for parking...just like the illegal wineries! But we can provide better facilities!

We won't have to pay city taxes or worry about infrastructure due to King County's continued lack of oversite and ignorance...we may be able to get away with anything! Even greed! Yay! Poor neighbors....

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Mark Castro
16427 NE 145th St
Woodinville, WA 98072
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511 171st Pl NE
Bellevue, WA 98008
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3131 Ne 83rd St
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16639 NE 48 St
Redmond, WA 98052
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19118 101st Pl NE
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Tom Quigley
President
Sammamish Valley Alliance

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Thomas Quigley
19615 130th Pl NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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20806 NE 58th St
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JULIE PETROCELLI
8412 NE 139th St.
Kirkland, WA 98034
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Thank you

Jeanne Long

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14255 157th Pl NE
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5214 So. Othello St.
Seattle, WA 98118
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Lori Harris
16424 NE 133rd Ct.
Redmond, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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Pat Wiley
15717 NE 132nd Ave
Redmond, WA 98052
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Shelly Bowman
6605+146TH+AVE+NE
REDMOND, WA 98052
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15920 187th Ave NE
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18020 214th Ave NE
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I endorse the rest of this message:

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11808 93rd Lane NE Apt 8-203
Kirkland, WA 98034
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13617 160th Ave NE
Redmond, WA 98052
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PO Box 3213
Renton, WA 98056
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Lisa Cunningham
15717 NE 134th Street
Redmond, WA 98052
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Eric Conley
15824 NE 133rd St
Redmond, WA 98052
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13841 173rd Ave NE
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Jeff Norman
166396 SE 17th St
Bellevue, WA 98008
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9623 17th Ave NE
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Michele Granaada
13521 157th Ct NE
Redmond, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Dear Council Members,

As a 18 year resident of Woodinville, I am deeply concerned about the proposed development of the Sammamish Valley. As a wine enthusiast and one who appreciates the beauty of the valley, I can absolutely understand the attraction businesses have to development of this area. I cannot, however ignore the long term devastation of the last pieces of fertile land we have. As a resident of King County, I have to rely in our leaders, members of your council, to protect these lands..... beyond just mere economic decisions. The land is important as fertile farm land.

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Respectfully,
Mike Shultz

Sincerely,
Mike Shultz
17017 NE 152nd St
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I moved to the Woodinville area because of the country feel of the area. Space between homes and space for wildlife. Over the past 15 years that I have lived in rural Woodinville, I have seen that space change. Coyotes, bear, deer and bobcats have made more frequent appearances as their habitat shrinks from encroaching development. Our roads are also more congested; the roundabouts on are already clogged with commuters leaving the new apartments in town.

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We need to save our trees and native flora and fauna in rural king county. For the sake of climate change and the future for our children.

Sincerely,
Kathy Paul
18811 128th Ave NE
Bothell, WA 98011
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

As a long time resident and property owner in Woodinville I am deeply disturbed by the pace and scope of commercial development in my community. My family moved here almost 15 years ago to enjoy the rural lifestyle and quiet we found in Woodinville. Now much of what we hold dear about our community is changing to the benefit of developers and commercial interests and to the detriment of the environment and the quality of life once found in Woodinville.

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Please put the interests of residents and the environment ahead of the interest of developers.

Regards,
Greg Kuhn

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16550 164th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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As a long-time resident of Hollywood Hill I want to share my dismay with the blatant disregard for the negative environmental impacts and destruction of a unique and irreplaceable community asset (the Sammamish Valley) that will occur if the Beverage Ordinance as proposed is approved.

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Lori Claudon
16025 NE 153rd St
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Good Morning-

After a weekend filled with hundreds of folks drinking alcohol (oh wait, we are supposed to call it wine tasting) and driving badly on the highway and thru the 202 traffic circles, and all over Woodinville. I find myself thinking, how long before someone is hit by a car and why is this ok? Why would the county promote drinking and driving? And why when we have such a crisis with our watershed-Orcas are dying due to lack of salmon etc... why do we want to pave over the whole county? This whole thing is crazy!

We are being over run by folks drinking and driving and there are not enough Alcohol enforcement personal available or King County Sheriffs etc to patrol it. You go to a Sounders game and there is a liquor control person following every person who sells beer in the aisle. But you go to Woodinville and every 19 year old can drink all they want.

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Marcus smith
18417 NE 137th st
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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David Chapin
17826 NE 27th St
Redmond, WA 98052
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I simply don’t see the need to do this, given that there is city property available for these uses.

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Debra Johnson
6219 NE 181st st
Kenmore, WA 98028
Hello Erin,

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Thanks you for your consideration,

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James E. "Jim" Gorman IV, P.E.
Cell: (253) 304-6383 (P): (253) 853-1408  If questions or to chat 24/7
(c) JEGorman4@gmail.com
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

As a homeowner for 30 years in the Sammamish Valley just up from 202, I am appalled at the Council's lack of enforcement of existing regulations. We purchased our home and were told that the zoning would not be changed. Our neighborhoods are not being protected, which will impact our home values. It is a nightmare to drive on that road now and will only get worse. There is no plan to widen the road. It is bad and getting worse.

No environmental impact has been done on the area. How can the Council responsibly consider passing an ordinance without that? There is no infrastructure to handle the retail that is proposed and will result from allowing illegal businesses to operate. There are no turn lanes, sidewalks, sewers, storm drains and farmers will be priced out of the market. Infrastructure cannot be retrofitted. People cross the roads in the middle of the road frequently. We don't need more noise or bands in the area than we already have. This is a rural area, with one of the country's richest resources and is not a commercial area. Passing this severely impacts all the homeowners in the area.

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13323 157th Ave NE
Redmond, WA 98052
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Arthur Knapp
13325 NE 118th Court 2412
Redmond, WA 98052
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We live in Grousemont Estates, just off Redmond-Woodinville Road. Our property directly abuts the Betz Winery property. We will be both directly and indirectly affected by the proposed poorly planned expansion and legalization of currently illegal operations in the Sammamish Valley. The current infrastructure is unable to handle the existing violations of the zoning restrictions in the valley and the proposed plan includes no upgrades to existing infrastructure (roads, sewers, sidewalks, etc.). How can the county not only neglect to enforce its own zoning regulations and also plan to reward the violators to change the regulations to benefit those violators? This sounds like a very poor decision to reward those who cheat the system. What about all of us that you represent that are being cheated?

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Sincerely,
Linda Pichard
14929 NE 167th St
Woodinville, WA 98072
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I read the responses to questions found on the County website and was saddened by the answers which just glossed over the issues. I live very close to this area and the weekend traffic from 124th northward on 202 is ridiculous now. More businesses without more lanes is a horrible idea, not to mention the runoff from vehicles into the surrounding areas.


This is the response to the "more traffic concerns": "No, this allows only limited hours of operation and access to arterial routes." So residents just south of the area can't go anywhere on 202 to shop in Woodinville area stores and restaurants, attend church, above the wine area on the weekends, is what you are saying? We need to drive up Avondale or to 405 or to the industrial wine area northward? You might as well shut the road to through traffic on the weekends and charge an entrance fee!

Summertime and weekends are something you should experience yourself on a sunny day. The roundabouts are dangerous, pedestrians running out waving orange flags, giggling. There's not enough parking. We'd love to bike there but the roads are too congested.

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Locate the illegal tasting rooms to the industrial area! There's room, will be little impact, and leave the Hollywood area alone.

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Please work with the Sammamish Valley farmowners and local residents to find a plan that will work for everyone!

Sincerely,
PATRICIA ROSEN
10242 189TH CT NE
REDMOND, WA 98052
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FromUser: Jan Wachholz

EMail: Janwachholz@gmail.com

addr1: 15509 134th pl ne

city: Woodinville

state: WA

zip: 98072

MessageText: I love Living in Woodinville - because it?s a blend of rural land, farms (including horse farms, and other agricultural land) as well as limited development including wineries, breweries and the like. I do not support over-developing the valley - it will totally ruin the feel and beauty of this area. Please keep the green open spaces and farmland!!

Sincerely,
Jan Wachholz
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I moved to Redmond 28 years ago and have deeply appreciated the rural Sammamish Valley every since. My children grew up eating produce grown at a Sammamish Valley farm. I ask you please to consider: the Beverage Ordinance as proposed will cause devastating and permanent destruction of our environment, due to placing commercial development in King County Rural Areas where there is NO commercial infrastructure.

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Mitchell
13715 NE 36TH PL
Bellevue, WA 98005
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

This email is to convey to you my support of the Friends of Sammamish Valley's position and recommendation for the King County Rural Area neighborhoods, and ask that you adopt their plan which will preserve this rural area, as well as the local farms and businesses.

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Sincerely,
Marilyn Iverson
16717 NE 166th St
Woodinville, WA 98072
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As a homeowner living just above the Sammamish Valley area in question, I am very concerned about the problems passing the Beverage Ordinance. Already there is a huge amount of traffic and an extraordinary amount of parking that is compacting the soil. Septic systems are overloaded and damage to the valley, one of the best agriculturally in the country, is inevitable. Why hasn't an Environmental Impact Statement been done? This seems totally irresponsible.

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John Shephard
13629 179th Ave. NE
Redmond, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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Sincerely,
Catherine Yoo
15525 158th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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17542 NE 142nd St
Redmond, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I live on Hollywood Hill, and I am very very concerned about the Adult Beverage Ordinance as written.

Please vote AGAINST the Adult Beverage Ordinance which will negatively impact Hollywood Hill and Woodinville and Woodinville-Redmond Rd traffic. We will lose our rural character. I am opposed to the ordinance. I support the Friends of Sammamish Valley position.

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Tanya Button
14818 163rd Ct NE
Woodinville WA 98072

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Woodinville, WA 98072
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I was born and raised in the greater Seattle area. My family has been here for generations. I love this area and I am happy for the economic growth and opportunities it has created. However, it MUST be done responsibly and we must protect the very attributes which make this area amazing, which includes green space and rural agricultural areas, close to the urban areas. There is plenty of space in already urban areas to accommodate the wine and adult beverage businesses who wish to operate in the Woodinville area. Please do not pass ordinances which will destroy the beautiful valley that surrounds Woodinville. It will ultimately be devastating to the very businesses that seek to operate there.

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Sincerely,
Mary Beth Thome
15706 NE 136th PL
Redmond, WA 98052
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Helen Romao
10928 E Lake Joy Dr NE
Carnation, WA 98014
From: susan davis <spicker76@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 10:55 AM  
To: Auzins, Erin  
Subject: King County is NOT doing its job of preserving the rural character of the Sammamish Valley

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susan davis  
15346 NE 140th Street  
Redmond, WA 98052
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Aleisa Spain
15707 NE 136th Place
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15712 NE 136TH PL
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* Altercations with police.
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* Late night noise and lighting disruption.
* Ugly portable toilets.
* Hot dog trucks and flapping signs fit for a used car lot.

None of the current impacts are in character with the RA - and you are attempting to legalize even more commercial, urban use activity!

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Please listen to the thousands of people who already made their voices heard. PLEASE DO YOUR JOB and protect King County's Rural Areas and neighborhoods!

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Lori Harris
16424 NE 133rd Ct
Redmond, WA 98052
Auzins, Erin

From: Cynthia Brown <cynmem7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 8:11 AM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: The Beverage Ordinance puts King County farmers out of business

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15346 Ne 140th
Redmond, WA 98052
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15216 NE 156th St
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Phrin Prickett
5445 26th Ave SW, Seattle
Seattle, WA 98106
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Please preserve what little is left of our King County farmland; that is the best, highest use for the Sammamish Valley.

 Regards,
Jeanne Long

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18006 NE 138th Pl
Redmond, WA 98052
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Brenda Vanderloop
13701 NE 171St St.
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Emily Anderson
15712 NE 136th Pl
Redmond, WA 98052
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We need to protect our agricultural areas from contamination. The Beverage Ordinance allows intrusion of commercial beverage businesses into the residential zone serviced by septic tanks. There is no sewer infrastructure to carry away the results from that much drinking.

Our government loses credibility every time it makes laws it does not enforce. King County should enforce the letter and the intent of the Growth Management Act regarding land use.

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Sincerely,
Jackie Thompson
9050 Avondale Rd NE
Redmond, WA 98052
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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Eric Conley
Sammamish Valley resident

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Eric Conley
15824 NE 133rd St
Redmond, WA 98052
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MessageText: I disagree with the email I received from Claudia Balducci completely. It was a very one-sided communication intended to assuage concerned residents rather than provide a balanced account of the provision.

I am a resident of the Sammamish Valley and am against this provision. I (along with all of my quiet but concerned Grousemont neighbors) am against the proposed changes to the zoning laws and want the historic zoning enforced. Additional commercialization and development if the Valley will reduce residential property values and make the area unsafe for our children due to increased traffic. We are happy with the beautiful valley we have and do not want it to be ruined by commercial development.

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16602 126th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Auzins, Erin

From: Janine Graves <janinegraves6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 8:48 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: The Beverage Ordinance puts King County farmers out of business

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

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President
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Kristine Bikdash
15429 NE 106th Way
Redmond, WA 98052
April 25, 2019

The Honorable Rod Dembowski
Chair, King County Council
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmember Dembowski:

I am writing on behalf of the King County Agriculture Commission in regard to Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241, Winery/Brewery/Distillery (WBD) Regulations and the Conceptual Striking Amendment, Updated 3-8-19.

The commission is pleased with several changes from the 11-30-18 striker and has resolved many of its concerns regarding parking and events. While the APDs are now much better protected, the commission has five remaining concerns in the 3-8-19 striker regarding the APDs:

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- Parking: The commission does not support grandfathering for existing parking spaces.
- Setbacks: For WBD II and WBD III, the commission does not support CUP setback reduction to as little as 25 feet and recommends maintaining 75 feet.

In addition, the commission has some concerns regarding the rural area where 40% of the county’s agriculture sector occurs as well as a few comments regarding the overlays.
• Type of Permit: The Commission does not support WBD I in RA zones as a residential accessory use.

• Tastings: The Commission does not support tastings or incidental sales for WBD I, other than those for product containment, i.e. bottles and growlers.

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Regarding the overlay districts, the commission does not support reducing setbacks to 25 feet, even with a CUP.

• Overlays for WBD I, WBD II, and WBD III

Lastly, the commission suggests matching agricultural terminology in this legislation. Production, in agricultural terms means growing crops or raising livestock, deemed raw agricultural products. Whereas, food processing means steps taken after harvest to create a value-added product; i.e., juice, jam, pickles, wine, beer, distilled beverages. Per WSU, “Food processing is a combination of various sciences such as engineering, chemistry, microbiology and others. The principles of food processing involves the conversion of the agricultural raw materials into value added products for consumers” (https://foodprocessing.wsu.edu/).

Thank you for the opportunity to advise council on this important ordinance and striker.

Sincerely,

Meredith Molli, Chair
King County Agriculture Commission

cc:  King County Councilmembers
     Dow Constantine, County Executive
     Christie True, Director, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)
     Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD), DNRP
     Mike Murphy, Interim Assistant Division Director, WLRD, DNRP
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17131 163rd Ave NE
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15418 210th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98077
To whomever it concerns,

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The main issue facing the Southern Resident Orcas of the Pacific Northwest is habitat loss. Habitat loss comes in many forms, but overdevelopment of our rural landscapes is a huge contributor.

Please respect the Growth Management Act.

It has come to our attention that the ordinance allows for commercial uses in the Rural Areas and Agricultural Lands, instead of within the Urban Growth Area as designated by the Growth Management Act.

This ordinance will directly impact salmon recovery and Southern Resident orca recovery.

We need to preserve Rural and Agricultural lands.

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206.707.3614
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MessageText: These revisions are "lipstick on a pig". Not materially different or fine-tuned enough to really protect the nature and ambience of our rural areas.

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Ann Pasley
13838 162nd Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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The Sammamish Valley is one of the most fertile valleys in the country. One that, if protected and farmed to full potential, could annually supply local organic vegetables to 80,000 people. This resource is at risk and should be carefully protected for years to come and for all future generations.

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Regards,
Paul Hagen

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WOODINVILLE, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Due to lack of code enforcement in the Sammamish Valley, we already know the impacts of having drinking establishments in Rural Area (RA) neighborhoods.

By "drinking establishments" we don't mean real wineries, breweries or distilleries. We mean remote tasting rooms, bars, taverns, event centers or "pretend wineries" - businesses that draw in large crowds of people where retail distribution rather than beverage making is the predominant or only objective. These urban use businesses need commercial infrastructure such as roads with proper turn lanes, parking lots, sidewalks, sewer hookup, storm water drains, and lighting - none of which is available in the RA.

With Sammamish Valley violators, the ongoing impacts in the RA neighborhoods are:
* Traffic gridlock from cars trying to turn through vehicles backed up on a 2-lane road with no turn lanes; especially problematic at rush hour and during establishment events.
* Safety issues with inebriated pedestrians tottering along the side of the unlit road with no shoulders.
* Altercations with police.
* Hundreds of cars parked everywhere along the road, in residential front yards, in parking areas intended for recreational uses, and on farmers' fields.
* Late night noise and lighting disruption.
* Ugly portable toilets.
* Hot dog trucks and flapping signs fit for a used car lot.

None of the current impacts are in character with the RA - and you are attempting to legalize even more commercial, urban use activity!

Please adopt the Friends of Sammamish Valley Amended Ordinance that would protect the RA character.

Please listen to the thousands of people who already made their voices heard. PLEASE DO YOUR JOB and protect King County's Rural Areas and neighborhoods!

Sincerely,
John and Anne Kinsella
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REDMOND, WA 98052
Just FYI.

From: Alki@kingcounty.gov [mailto:Alki@kingcounty.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 1:22 PM
To: Camenzind, Krista <Krista.Camenzind@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Attached Image
Whereas local food production is essential for King County’s sustainability into the future, &
Whereas King County adopted 5 Agricultural Production Districts, (APDs) & purchased
development rights to preserve these 5 APDs after a 3 year study & political process, &

Whereas: Washington State’s Growth Management Act limits urban land uses to
incorporated areas & conserves unincorporated rural & agricultural lands by zoning laws
that eliminate nonconforming uses; &
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rural zoning to protect farming activity & reduce upslope erosion, development & pollution, &
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produce an Ordinance that allows large event centers & wine “tasting rooms” on rural,
aricultural & environmentally sensitive land to proliferate, &

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in place throughout the county; & instead allow large parking & demonstration projects
worsening traffic gridlock, pedestrian & safety problems, overflowing septic systems, land
compaction & toxic runoff onto farmland; as well as watershed damage, flooding, night lights
& noise disrupting neighborhoods & wildlife, visual blight from portable toilets & signs, &
land speculation that has already raised land prices making them unfeasible for farmers, &

Whereas: 123 Wineries, Breweries & Distilleries function in Woodinville lawfully with room
for more, 7 current users on protected lands now violate S0-120 zoning & must relocate, &

Whereas: before KC Ordinance 2018-0241 could become law, a full Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS) must be completed. Furthermore, the changes suggested in Ordinance 2018-
0241 are illegal according to the WA Growth Management Act. Should this Ordinance be
passed by the KC council, wasteful lawsuits will ensue. The city council of Woodinville has
gone on record to oppose Ordinance 2018-0241, &

Whereas Ordinance 2018-0241, if passed, would degrade King County’s 5 protected
agricultural preservation zones, inflate farmland & rural land prices, drive out legitimate
farming, & end the food production & rural character of the Sammamish Valley & the 4 other
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environmental degradation of the Sammamish River watershed & harm local Salmon runs, &

Whereas: Ordinance 2018-0241 was created to assist Wineries, Breweries & Distilleries to
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available. Locating such commercial expansion in sensitive rural ecological & agricultural
zones is not in keeping with current law, desires of residents in unincorporated &
incorporated areas, or the long history & national reputation of King County as an example
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Therefore be it requested that the King County Council delay any action on Ordinance
2018-0241 until a full EIS is completed on its impacts; take action to remove violators of
existing zoning regulations; &/or defeat Ordinance 2018-0241 should it come to a vote, &

Be it finally resolved that, the Woodinville, Kirkland, Redmond, Duvall & Sammamish City
Councils & 45th District Democrats contact their King County representatives & request that
they withdraw Ordinance 2018-0241 from consideration; postpone a vote on it until a
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This resolution passed at the 45th Democrats 4.3.19 General Meeting
DOW CONSTANTINE’S ORDINANCE 2018-0241

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2. Replaces rural & farming land uses with urban uses such as wineries, breweries & distilleries; even though there is plenty of room for those uses within incorporated urban areas.

3. Pretends that grapes grown in Eastern Washington are grown in King County.

4. Encourages those who want to develop King County rural and agricultural land to disregard King County zoning laws.

5. Ignores the needs of KC citizens who live & farm in rural King County and the overwhelming opposition of King County citizens in order to favor those who break King County laws.

6. Is based on a flawed study of one small part of 1 of 5 Agricultural Production Districts (APDs) that have been functioning since the 1970s to preserve farm production in King County.

7. Has not considered the disastrous impacts on rural & farmlands in the Upper and Lower Snoqualmie valley, the Green River Valley & the Enumclaw Plateau Agriculture Production District that would result if this Ordinance were passed.

8. Abdicates King County’s responsibility to safeguard rational land use planning by gifting the future of land use in King County to the alcohol industry for no reason.

9. Offers no benefit to the citizens of King County and accrues huge expenses to King County taxpayers who will be forced to pay for the law suits resulting from the violations of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA); KC contained in the ordinance.

10. Provides KC citizens with no protection in the future from developers who want to flout KC zoning laws.

11. Sets absurdly low penalties for non compliance with KC zoning laws and bends over backwards to offer variances.

12. Does not protect the privacy and safety of the residents of these who live in, near or travel through invaded rural & agricultural zones.

13. Does not offer any planning for relief from the traffic jams it causes.

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15. Allows any parcel over 2.5 acres that’s connected to an arteriole in King County to build destination commercial facilities and parking for events such as weddings and parties ON FARMLAND that destroy food production and the rural character of rural King County.
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Auzins, Erin

From: Zsofia Pasztor <zsofia@farmerfrog.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: King County Ordinance 2018 - 0241

Good afternoon,

I am emailing you because Farmer Frog opposes King County Ordinance 2018-0241 because it allows for commercial uses in the Rural Areas and Agricultural Lands, instead of within the Urban Growth Area as designated by the Growth Management Act. Large commercial facilities do not belong on Rural and Agricultural lands as these lands do not have the proper infrastructure to support these uses. As a result these uses will lead to degradation of our Rural and Agricultural Lands, and of the natural resources located within these lands.

We are opposed to Ordinance 2018-0241, because it:
Converts agricultural, rural area and open space land and habitat to parking lots, increasing impervious surface and altering area hydrology, thereby impacting fertile farmland soils:

• Agricultural Production Districts in KC have uniquely fertile soils capable of very high yields.
• Agriculture is highest / best use
• KC Ag lands supply thousands of residents high quality food, providing products in 23 Farmer’s Markets throughout KC
• Population will increase in KC, need for additional local food sources, now and in the future,
• 2018-0241 allows commercial building on agricultural lands.
• Repurposing Ag land from food production to tourism is wasteful, Once lost, soils/farms are lost forever.

It is on this basis and that this ordinance:
MUST HAVE an Environmental Impact Statement for this county-wide land use change. It:

• Is Counter to GMA, KC Land Conservation Initiative, KC Strategic Climate Action Plan, KC Local Food Initiative, KC Comp Plan, SO-120, more
• Degrades farm land and natural resources including groundwater, streams and natural habitat, and degrades KC DNR restoration projects, and will lead to
• Costly increased need for KC Flood Control, Sheriff, Public Health, Infrastructure, and
• Lacks of consideration for the future need for local food and open space with Climate Change upon us.

Farmer Frog strongly opposes King County Ordinance 2018-0241.
Thank you,

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TRAQ Tree Risk Assessor Qualified  
Certified Horticulturist 2459  
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425-210-5541

"We are the ones we've been waiting for"  
The Elders, Hopi Nation, Oraibi Arizona

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Ez az elektronikus levél bizalmas és/vagy jogilag védett információkat tartalmazhat az Farmer Frog és más cégekkel, szervezetekkel és egyénekkel kapcsolatosan, és kizárólag a címzettnek szól. Amennyiben nem Ön ennek a leveleen a valós címzettje, kérjük, haladéktalanul tájékoztassa erről a feladót, és a levelet törölje rendszeréből. Az elektronikus levél engedély nélküli másolása, sokszorosítása, terjesztése, módosítása és nyilvánosságra hozatala szigorúan tiltott. Ha Ön a valos cimzettje a leveleen, de mar nem kivan ezuton kapni tajekoztattast, kerjük tudassa a feladoval.
Good morning,

Attached is Peter Eglick’s letter of today’s date submitted on behalf of Friends of Sammamish Valley.

Thank you,
Via Email (erin.auzins@kingcounty.gov; karen.wolf@kingcounty.gov; ty.peterson@kingcounty.gov) and U.S. Mail

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Dear Ms. Auzins, Ms. Wolf, and Mr. Peterson:

This office represents Friends of Sammamish Valley (FOSV) with regard to the above proposed Ordinance.

We note in the SEPA Determination of Non-Significance issued on April 26, 2019, that the DNS is based on information “available to the public on request.” Therefore, by this letter we are requesting immediate release by email (as offered in the notice) of the information relied upon for the DNS.

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Sincerely,

EGLICK & WHITED PLLC

[Signature]

Peter J. Eglick
Attorney for Friends of Sammamish Valley

cc: client
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4411 244th St. SE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Stephanie Whicker
11051 108th PL NE
Kirkland, WA 98033
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I'm a long time member of the Root Connection and very much want King County to continue supporting local agriculture. It's easy for agriculture to be overwhelmed by piecemeal development, even if it is "pseudo" agriculture like a tasting room. I was distressed to find that my council member, Claudia Balducci, had proposed an ordinance that sounds even more likely to undermine the survival of agriculture in the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District.

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Sincerely,
Jerry Lee
11404 NE 103rd Pl
Kirkland, WA 98033
Dear Ms. Balducci,

I was heartened by your consideration of the value of agriculture in the Sammamish Valley, and in particular for supporting the requirement that at least 60% of products sold in the District be grown on site.

I would, however, like to remind you that protection of this incredible resource is a long-term job to take seriously.

This means working:
- to sustain the high yields the valley can produce to nourish many of us local people,
- to prevent the valley being overrun by party venues,
- to protect the valley soil and water from all the pollution that can come from development,
- to protect the farmers themselves from being pushed out by ballooning land prices that come with development of non-farming land uses.

Thank you for working on this and for looking out for our valley.

Sincerely,
Mary Rumpf
8909 NE 118th Pl
Kirkland WA 98034

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 24, 2019, at 11:03 AM, Balducci, Claudia <Claudia.Balducci@kingcounty.gov> wrote:

Dear Mary,

Thank you for writing about the proposed update to the Winery, Brewery and Distillery (WBD) land use code. I agree that the Sammamish Valley is one of the gems of King County and one that we should preserve. I have worked hard with my colleagues on this code update and believe that it presents a strong proposal that attempts to meet a variety of interests and protects the Sammamish Agricultural Valley.
This is a very complicated piece of code and there have been a lot of ideas discussed at the Council and I thought it would be helpful to explain some of the key points of the ordinance as it came out of Committee. Most importantly, the code that Council is considering is more restrictive than the current code, will protect the Sammamish Agricultural Production District, and place clear limitations on adult beverage businesses throughout the county.

Here are the ways the proposed code is more restrictive than the current code:

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- Creates clear categories of WBDs based on size and scale that will allow the County to ensure that businesses are appropriately sized for the parcels and infrastructure available. These definitions will make it easier for businesses to understand the rules that apply to them and will make code enforcement easier.
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All public health requirements, such as adequate septic facilities, and environmental regulations, such as the Critical Areas Ordinance, remain in full effect in the rural and agricultural areas. This ordinance does not affect those important regulations at all.

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You can review the entire ordinance here. Item #41 is the version of the ordinance voted out of the Local Services Committee and item #43 shows the current vs the proposed code.

We are now in a comment period for the legislation and I encourage you to provide comment on the ordinance that is under consideration here. Click on the “Provide Comment” tab. Specific comments on elements of the ordinance or specific concerns or desired outcomes are very helpful to our Council deliberations and ultimate vote. We anticipate a full public hearing and subsequent Council vote no earlier than June.

Thank you again for writing.

Claudia

Claudia Balducci
Councilmember District Six
Office: 206.477.1006
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Dear Councilmember Balducci,

Council:
I wrote to you last August about the importance of preserving close-in farmland. It is irreplaceable. You don’t seem to get it.

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Don’t do it!
Please.

Mary Rumpf
Consumer of fresh Sammamish Valley-grown food since 1996

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Redmond, WA 98052
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Karin Hsiao

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14710 NE 169th St
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Dear Council members,

We have bought hay for our profitable cattle farm from the Sammamish Valley. With King County's new zoning for the Sammamish Valley we will be put out of business and the rural character of farms will be lost in the Woodinville area.

If we do have zoning changes we have no problem leasing our 8 (eight) acres to low income housing as a trailer park, or a permanent homeless encampment for the whole of King County and the City of Seattle included. There will be the same public health guidelines King County allows to the wineries. King County Council members are wishing to put in place. For septic system and removal of effluent we will follow King County on what deems appropriate. It is sure to fit King County's "business model". What is the difference? It appears there are some on the King County board who do not respect the integrated environmental ecosystem. Why should we or our neighbors?

We grow 100% of our product on our ranch. King County's rezoning goes against the Farmland Preservation Program, Puget Sound Fresh, and the Land Conservation Initiative.

Would King County allow the MacBride Family Trust to develop warehouse stores on their land (almost 1 square mile)? The wineries get an eyeful of their open sod grass farm at this time but King County is making the zoning laws very lax. King County will break this "perpetual zoning". Have you asked Philip MacBride Jr. on his thoughts?

It has been documented 1 in 5 people drive under the influence (NPR 5/4/2019). King County is not making our area safe.

Money talks, population grows. So does homelessness and street drugs. The rampant homeless people will find refuge on the large tracts of land owned by people who despise King County's re-zoning proposals. There are many people in our rural area who will be more than happy to re-zone and sponsor a permanent homelessness encampment. This is not a threat! This is a need!

If King County can re-zone for wineries in unincorporated King County with all the effluent and septic issues, the residents should easily be able to rezone for permanent homeless encampments on their land. All the homeless in Seattle may fit in our area! Presto! No Seattle homelessness!

It will be good to have people begging for money on every street corner in Woodinville and Redmond. It is about time. What a Mecca King County is inviting!

We know King County is looking to the future and a revenue stream. We, as a community, are looking at population growth with the addition of homelessness and drugs. King County and its inhabitants can't get around
this phenomenon. If King County does not protect our area we will petition the City of Woodinville to annex us for protection.

King County is asking for trouble. If les jeux sont fait there will be most possible complications. Please think. Think of how Europe has been able to preserve their rural characters and feed all their people! This is not political. It is the future!

Thank You,
Sincerely,
Gladstone Farms
Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:37 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: Form submission from: https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/issues/winery-code.aspx

Submitted at 9:37:13 PM, on Thursday, May 9, 2019

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city: Woodinville

state: Washington

zip: 98072

MessageText: What are you going to do with all the the homeless population attracted to the "high end" wineries? We have 8 (eight) acres above the Sammamish Valley which we will be able to rezone, according to your density and re-zoning ordinances for permanent homeless encampments with the same requirements of the wineries holding many gala events.

We look forward to contributing to the human nature of change and rampant population explosion, We also look forward to asking the C i ty of Woodinville to annex us for protection; We have seen absolutely no protection offered by King County.

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MessageText: I disagree with allowing businesses in the overlay areas. There is not sufficient infrastructure in place to handle increase auto and pedestrian traffic safely, and no money to build it. Any new businesses should be required to pay a pro-rata share of infrastructure costs.
Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District (APD) is one of the most fertile valleys in the country, and one of the few areas left in King County that offers great farming potential.

I bought my home in Woodinville because of the APD. Because I believed it meant there would be a balance between the needs of agriculture and other business, I was proud to be moving into King County. I bragged to others outside the county about our dedication to keeping land preserved for farming.

I believed the county would never allow businesses to be ‘grandfathered in’ just because they ignored regulations and established their operations outside the regulations. I have been dismayed that staff and the supervisors seem to have abandoned that commitment, despite clearly stated rules in the APD.

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Regards

Annie Archer
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Sincerely,
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Dear King County Councilmembers, on behalf of the farms and businesses that support agriculture in the Sammamish Valley, I am writing again today to please adopt the Friends of Sammamish Valley Amended Beverage Ordinance that would protect the APD farmlands and adjacent rural spaces.

We have heard from other businesses in the area that are hopeful for additional opportunities to develop commercial businesses in the protected rural areas. Please keep this from happening and allow our farmers to become increasing successful with their business models, and not be impacted by this potential development. A farm business is difficult enough without the environmental impacts being considered for the surrounding areas in the proposed County Ordinance. And, not allowing for commercial development could actually help increase farm business opportunities along with access to additional acreage at a fair price.

Many of the Sammamish Valley farmers are now selling produce at our local Woodinville Farmers Market and offering more opportunities for CSA subscriptions in the community. This is an increase from years past, meeting an often heard demand for more local farm-fresh food.

Please keep our farmland productive and adopt the FoSV Amended Beverage Ordinance.

Regards,

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Ty, please accept the attached comment on the SEPA DNS for Ordinance 2018-0241.

Erin, please add the attached comment to the record for 2018-0241.

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Dear Mr. Peterson:

This letter is comment on the SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance issued by you for King County Ordinance 2018-0241 (https://www.kingcounty.gov/~/media/Council/documents/Issues/winery/may/WBD-SEPA-TD.ashx?).

Briefly, this letter expresses my disagreement with the DNS, and requests a full EIS.

Particular concerns include some basic assumptions stated in the DNS.

The assertion that the businesses contemplated in the ordinance are “businesses that are primarily nonurban in nature” does not match the actual drafted ordinance. In fact, key proposals are for remote tasting rooms – bars – and event centers. Both are intrinsically urban in nature, in that they exist for the purpose of gathering numbers of people who do not have a relationship with the surrounding land or its inhabitants.

Also of concern is the statement that, with regard to traffic, the ordinance is “not expected to reflect measurable impacts over loads already generated by Rural Area residents and businesses.”

In fact, the ordinance proposes that each of 7 potential event-center businesses be allowed to conduct up to 60 events per year, with no limit on the number of participants.

Remote tasting rooms – bars – would be allowed to be open bar-like hours (in contrast to the many remote tasting rooms inside the Woodinville city limits, which generally close at 5:00), greatly impacting commuter traffic. As a side note, it’s disconcerting that the DNS seems to accept the remote tasting rooms that make up part of the “loads already generated” but are operating illegally.

Both event centers and remote tasting rooms are proposed to be located along the stretch of SR 202 most affected by the LOS F intersection at the corner of NE 124th Street. Legally, no new or expanded businesses would be allowed if they impact this intersection (and they would).

There are a number of other major provisions of the ordinance, and loopholes in the ordinance, and deficiencies of the ordinance, that pose threats to the continued viability of farming in the Sammamish Valley.

For this reason, I request a full EIS, with a full public scoping process, for King County Ordinance 2018-0241.

Yours sincerely,

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Hi Erin,

Please add the attached documents to the record for Ordinance 2108-0241.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Urban Growth Boundary ("UGB") amendments in the rural and agricultural land adjacent to Woodinville.

Although we are a Councilmember and Mayor of the City of Woodinville, this document should be regarded as a minority report, or comments of private citizens. The following does not reflect the majority view of the Woodinville City Council as submitted to the King County Council in Woodinville Resolution 414 (Appendix A to this document).

Executive Summary

Our overall point is straightforward: Amending the UGB in the Sammamish Valley adjacent to Woodinville would be inconsistent with both the letter and spirit of Washington's Growth Management Act ("GMA") and King County Countywide Planning Policies ("CPP"). In addition, for a number of reasons relating to Woodinville's economic development, the UGB amendment would not be in Woodinville's best interests.

More specifically, we ask the Council to consider the following:

1. "Sufficiency" and "Need" – Woodinville has abundant vacant and redevelopable land in its commercial districts. Vacant land, designated for the identical uses as those proposed for the parcels, is available inside the Woodinville city limits. The mostly vacant 24-acre Woodinville Village site is about 100 yards from the southern parcels in the application, in Woodinville's Tourist Business District. Woodinville's Central and General Business Districts ("CBD" and "GB") have nearly another 150 acres of land that are vacant or redevelopable—roughly 75 percent of the CBD and GB acreage.

2. "Uses" – The current uses of the parcels are consistent with their rural zoning. The proponents' claim that the parcels are already characterized by urban uses is overstated. The parcels' current uses are consistent with the list of rural uses specified in CPP R-205. Moreover, the demonstrations required to prove that the current zoning is no longer suitable have not been provided.
3. "Infrastructure" – The county road serving the parcels is an unsafe, overburdened 2-lane country road. Neither King County nor Woodinville can afford to improve it. 140th Pl. NE/148th Av. NE ("140th"), is heavily used by commuters between Woodinville and Redmond's high-tech businesses. It experiences significant delays during every rush hour. It regularly becomes entirely blocked due to traffic incidents. If the parcels were developed more intensely than currently, the traffic impacts would be substantial. Woodinville already has improved intersections prepared for the same land uses: over $6 million in traffic improvements (and another $2 million in legal fees) in anticipation of development of the Woodinville Village site.

4. "Land swaps" – Required lands-in-trade not offered. Rural and APD lands require land exchanges at the time of UGB amendment. King County staff state that they are not aware of any offerings of lands-in-trade for the parcels.

5. "Limited to residential" – Proposed uses fail to meet CPP requirements for addition to the Urban Growth Area ("UGA"). Proposed future uses for the parcels include medical buildings, lodging, and wineries. None of these uses meet the CPP requirement that amended lands "shall" be limited to residential development.

6. Countywide precedent for sprawl. The disparity is so great between these parcels and the GMA and County criteria for UGB amendment, that granting this amendment would set a precedent that allows very few future UGB amendments countywide to be declined.

7. Woodinville Resolution 414 lacked public process. The public process that preceded Woodinville Resolution 414, sent to the King County Council recently, falls short of justifying the Woodinville City Council's position. The Mayor declined to sign it because he perceived that many statements it contained were inaccurate.

8. The UGB amendment is inconsistent with Woodinville's Comprehensive Plan. These parcels are not identified as annexation targets in Woodinville's Comprehensive Plan. Woodinville's Comprehensive Plan includes carefully crafted long-range plans for compact, walkable commercial districts. Moreover, adding a new supply of low-cost land would delay or prevent achievement of our Comprehensive Plan goals.

9. The UGB amendment is detrimental to Woodinville's economic development and existing businesses. For many reasons that are outside of county criteria, we believe this amendment would not be beneficial to Woodinville's economic development, and would be detrimental to existing businesses and landowners in our business districts.

10. It appears there is no applicant. King County staff state that these parcels were included in the 2012 docket based on a docket request submitted by Woodinville staff in June, 2010. The Woodinville City Manager states that this docket request was submitted in error and without authorization.

In summary, we believe that there is no facet of the Growth Management Act, or of the Countywide Planning Policies, or Woodinville's interests, under which this amendment is justifiable. And it appears that the Woodinville parcels may have been erroneously included in the 2012 docket.

The remainder of this document goes into greater detail about the foregoing points.
Point 1: Woodinville does not have "Need." We have "Sufficiency" of land.

Countywide Planning Policy FW-1 Step 7.a. lists a number of criteria against which UGB amendments are to be judged. Among them:

"the sufficiency of vacant, developable land and redevelopable land to meet projected needs."

By any reasonable measure, Woodinville has sufficient land for its projected needs. Specifically, Woodinville has vacant land near the parcels that is designated for the same uses – hotels and wineries – that have been described for the parcels.

Figures 1 through 4 show maps and aerial photos of Woodinville, the proposed UGB amendments, and vacant parcels inside the city limits with the same uses as those proposed for the UGB parcels.

**Figure 1.** Part of Woodinville, and the UGB amendment parcels. Landmarks in blue; UGB parcels in black. Vacant land discussed elsewhere in this document, with the identical permitted uses proposed for the UGB parcels, in red. Photos of these parcels and more detailed descriptions follow.
Figure 2. Red outlines the 24-acre Woodinville Village site, in Woodinville’s Tourist Business District. Yellow circles indicate the $8 million roundabouts ($6 million project; $2 million in legal costs), which Woodinville and WSDOT completed in 2010. The central roundabout was for congestion relief; the western and southern roundabouts anticipate development of Woodinville Village, with permitted uses that focus on wine and tourism. Green outlines the 3 southern parcels proposed in the UGB amendments; their proposed uses are identical to those proposed for the Woodinville Village site.

Woodinville Village is inside the Woodinville city limits. Roughly 20 of its 24 acres is currently vacant land but has a Development Agreement in place that would allow construction to begin immediately. It is in foreclosure; auction is tentatively scheduled for May. **This is the land that should be used for the proposed tourism uses.** In other words, the application fails to comply with [RCW 36.70A.215](#)(b):
"Identify reasonable measures, other than adjusting urban growth areas, that will be taken to comply with the requirements of this chapter."

Figure 3. Woodinville Zoning Map. Woodinville's Central Business District is shown in red; General Business in purple. Of the roughly 200 acres total CBD and GB, only about 50 acres of the CBD is up-to-date buildings. The rest is vacant or redevelopable, and the largest parcel (Canterbury, nearly 20 acres) is for sale, with highly motivated sellers.
Point 2: "Uses" -- The parcels' uses are Rural and Agricultural. Demonstrations required for removal have not been made.

Of the 14 northern parcels, more than half of the largest parcel (roughly 4.5 of the parcel's 7.06 acres) is currently zoned Agricultural and is in the Agricultural Production District; the rest of the northern parcels are zoned Rural. The King County Staff report characterizes the southern parcels thus: "The three parcels in the southern property group are designated Rural on the KCCP land use map but are zoned Agricultural."

The proponents' principal argument in favor of the UGB amendment has consistently been that the parcels' uses are already urban. This presumably alludes to Countywide Planning Policy LU-26(d):

> "Include only areas already characterized by urban development which can be efficiently and cost effectively served by roads, water, sanitary sewer and storm drainage, schools and other urban governmental services within the next 20 years."

In reality, the current uses of the parcels are consistent with their Rural and Agricultural zoning. The uses include:

- Tractor repair
- Livestock grazing
- Barns
- Nurseries and greenhouses
- Balloon rides
- Homes
- House converted to a veterinary clinic
- House converted to a Montessori school
- Church.

These uses are consistent with King County policy for Rural uses:

**R-205**

*Uses related to and appropriate for the Rural Area include those relating to agriculture, forestry, mineral extraction, and fisheries, such as the raising of livestock, growing of crops, creating value-added products, and sale of agricultural products; small-scale cottage industries; and recreational and small-scale tourism uses that rely on a rural location.*

Current uses of the parcels do not meet the County's tests for removal from Rural and Agricultural designation. To our knowledge, the proposal has not met any of the criteria in CPP R-654 or R-655:

**R-654**

*Lands can be removed from the APDs, except as provided in R-655, only when it can be demonstrated that:

a. Removal of the land will not diminish the productivity of prime agricultural soils or the effectiveness of farming within the local APD boundaries; and

b. The land is determined to be no longer suitable for agricultural purposes.*

In addition to meeting these two tests, removal of the land from the APD may only occur if it is mitigated through the addition of agricultural land abutting the same APD of equal acreage and of equal or greater soils and agriculture value.

**R-655**

*Land that is zoned rural and has permanent non-agricultural structures can be removed from the Sammamish APD only when a subarea plan demonstrates that removal of the land will not diminish the productivity of prime agricultural soils or the effectiveness of farming within the APD. Land to be removed from the APD shall retain rural zoning and shall not be rezoned to urban zoning. The removal of land zoned rural from the Sammamish APD shall not be contingent on the addition of land to the APD.*

These required demonstrations do not appear to have been submitted for the parcels.
Figure 5. The 14 northern parcels are outlined in red. APD land outlined in green. Uses include livestock grazing, barns, greenhouses, balloon rides, homes, homes converted to businesses, and a church.
Figure 6. Proponents state that the uses of the parcels are "already urban." This photo of the largest of the parcels shows otherwise: The road frontage includes a house and two barns. The rear two-thirds of the property, zoned Agricultural, is currently used for grazing livestock.

Figure 7. The southernmost of the parcels is a tractor repair business run as a cottage industry from the owner's home—not an "already urban" use as the proponents claim.
Point 3: "Infrastructure" -- 140th Pl. NE/148th Av. NE is an unsafe, overburdened 2-lane country road. Neither King County nor Woodinville can afford to improve it.

140th Pl NE/148th Av. NE ("140th") is a paradox. It is the principal commuter route between Woodinville and the many high-tech employers in Redmond. But physically, for most of its length, it is a 2-lane country road with ditches, large drop-offs on its downhill side, no sidewalks, and few guard rails.

The single exception in this several-mile-long commuter route is the series of roundabouts in Woodinville's Tourist Business District, shown in yellow on Figure 2. Woodinville and WSDOT invested $6 million in three roundabouts (plus about $2 million in legal costs) at the intersection of NE 145th St. and 148th Av. NE.

The central roundabout relieved existing congestion at the intersection of the two roads, and the other two roundabouts anticipated future traffic at Woodinville Village. The roundabouts, and Woodinville Village, are solidly consistent with Woodinville's Comprehensive Plan.

The roundabouts have solved congestion at Woodinville's intersections. However, commuters between Woodinville and Redmond still experience half-mile backups most mornings, at Redmond's northern boundary at NE 124th St.

Figure 8. Traveling northbound, a single car waiting to turn left into Gold Creek Driving Range and Country Club can back up dozens of cars, multiple times during any peak hour.

At any time, but especially after dark and in bad weather, 140th is frequently blocked, partially or totally, by accidents.
The overall picture:

- **140th is a dangerous, substandard country road** that is inadequate to bear the traffic volumes and turning movements that would result from the proposed future uses.
- **Sidewalks are nonexistent.** Any development in the UGB amendment areas would certainly be vehicle-oriented, adding to the traffic load on the road.
- Development of these parcels would create an **instant, urgent congestion problem**.
- Since the parcels are not at intersections, it is questionable whether existing codes would require the road improvements needed to relieve the delays caused by cars turning into the parcels, let alone at the intersections. **Commuters would be especially impacted.**

Neither King County nor Woodinville can afford to fix these inadequacies. In other words, the proposed UGB amendments do not meet the infrastructure criterion of CPP **FW-1 Step 8.a.**:

"The capacity of appropriate jurisdictions to provide infrastructure and service to the Urban Growth Areas."

**Point 4: "Land swaps" -- No open space and APD lands offered in exchange**

The parcels involve three distinct classifications of land:

- For the three southern parcels, King County staff state that "the official land use is Rural – the zoning is Agriculture."
- Most of the 14 northern parcels are Rural.
- Roughly two-thirds of the largest northern parcel – about 4.5 of the parcel's 7.06 acres – is in the Agricultural Production District (see Figure 5).

For UGB amendments of Rural lands, King County Planning Policy **FW-1 Step 7.a.** requires dedication of open space land in exchange:

"Rural land, excluding agriculturally zoned land, may be added to the Urban Growth Area only in exchange for a dedication of permanent open space to the King County Open Space System. The dedication must consist of a minimum of four acres of open space dedicated for every one acre of land added to the Urban Growth Area, calculated in gross acres. The open space land shall be dedicated at the time the application is approved."

For UGB amendments of lands in the Agricultural Production District, equivalent land must also be provided as described in CPP **R-654** or **R-655**:

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King County staff state that they are "not aware of any land swaps or 'lands in trade'" offered for these parcels.

**Point 5: "Limited to Residential" -- Proposed uses do not meet CPP requirements for addition to UGA**

The City of Woodinville, in their docket request dated June 15, 2010, described the future land uses for the northern parcels as "institutional gateway (medical offices)."

In contrast, at the same time, the sales pitch being offered to the Woodinville City Council has been that the parcels will be developed as boutique lodging and wineries. Drawings show a minuscule hotel with implausibly enormous gardens.

Yet **neither of these uses satisfies the requirements** for UGB amendment under CPP FW-1(7)(d):

"Development on the land added to the Urban Growth Area under this policy shall be limited to residential development and shall be at a minimum density of four units to the acre. Proposals shall meet King County Comprehensive Plan density and affordable housing goals."

**Point 6: These UGB amendments would set a countywide precedent for sprawl**
These UGB amendments, if passed, would gut the GMA and KCCP. If the UGB is amended to include these parcels in the UGA, any application anywhere in the County can point to them as the new standard for meeting the Countywide Planning Policies.

The message would be clear: Applicants can make false claims about meeting only one of the most ambiguous criteria for amendment, and have their applications accepted. The County would have almost no leverage left to enforce its policies or plan land use.

**Point 7: Woodinville Resolution 414 was passed in the absence of studies and public input, and is factually inaccurate**

Woodinville City Council Resolution 414 was created and passed with inadequate public process. It was requested by some City Council members on February 21, 2012, and passed by a 5-2 vote at the next City Council meeting, on March 6, 2012.

The public process that preceded Resolution 414 has been limited. Council and Planning Commission discussions have been supported by a map of the parcels and a survey of the landowners of the parcels, and little else. Even the current zoning and land use of the parcels has been omitted from staff reports.

No cost-benefit studies, no assessment of services, no transportation studies, and no assessment of the expenses that would be incurred by annexation have been undertaken. Woodinville has conducted no open houses, hearings, or public outreach. The Planning Commission has had a single study session, but has not made recommendations.

Moreover, Woodinville’s Resolution 414 is flawed in terms of factual accuracy. Resolution 414 makes the unsupported and dubious claims that the UGB amendment, and annexation and development of Rural and Agricultural land in the Sammamish Valley, would:

- Limit sprawling development;
- Encourage concentrated development;
- Improve the efficiency of . . . transportation;
- Protect the rural area and resource lands;
- Enhance open space;
- Protect the natural environment;
- Ensure a sustainable way to develop and maintain the affected properties.

Regardless of the merits of the UGB amendment or future annexation, we believe it is unwise to base public policy decisions on such capricious assertions.

We believe that not only the GMA and CCP, but also Woodinville’s Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Plan, as well as its regional image and future economic interests, are tossed aside by Resolution 414.
Point 8: The UGB amendments are inconsistent with Woodinville’s Comprehensive Plan

This UGB amendment is a recent proposal, first appearing on a Woodinville City Council agenda on June 8, 2010. It appeared on this agenda apparently at the request of the real estate broker for the parcels.

Woodinville’s Comprehensive Plan does not identify these parcels as annexation areas (Fig. 9).

To the contrary, Woodinville’s Land Use goals, Future Land Use map, and Master Plans for its downtown and Tourist Business District specifically call for compact, walkable commercial districts.

The parcels, strung out as they are along a 2-lane county road that lacks sidewalks and shoulders, directly undermines Woodinville’s Comprehensive Plan and its goals.

No improvements of 140th appear on Woodinville’s Transportation Master Plan, no traffic impact studies have been conducted, no storm water evaluations have been attempted, no environmental impacts or studies have been contemplated.

The proposed UGB amendment bears an uncomfortable resemblance to "The Problem” described in section I.A. of the Countywide Planning Policies:

"... uncoordinated and unplanned growth.”
Figure 9. The Future Land Use Map from Woodinville's Comprehensive Plan. This map shows Woodinville's annexation targets: the gray area in Snohomish County. Note that the UGB amendment parcels now being considered by King County do not appear.
Point 9: The UGB amendments would be detrimental to Woodinville’s economic development and existing businesses

For a number of purely local reasons, we believe that these UGB amendments are not in the best interests of Woodinville, existing businesses, or existing landowners in our commercial districts:

- Woodinville’s competitive advantage is Woodinville Wine Country: tourism in agricultural lands barely a half hour from downtown Seattle. Paving over Wine Country a few parcels at a time erodes, and eventually eliminates, our competitive advantage.

- Views of the remaining agricultural lands would be blocked. The existing businesses in Woodinville that have acted in a manner consistent with Woodinville’s codes and Comprehensive Plan would be put at a disadvantage.

- Proposed uses exactly duplicate the plans for Woodinville Village 100 meters from the southern parcels. Woodinville Village is in foreclosure but has a Development Agreement in place. Development could begin tomorrow on this 24-acre parcel, mostly vacant, that is inside the UGB.

- Values of land in Woodinville’s commercial zones would face severe downward pressure if thrown into competition with these parcels, which have assessed values less than a tenth of land in our Central Business District.

- Existing landowners in Woodinville, especially those currently trying to sell their land, could be financially devastated. Foremost among these are the low-income senior citizens who have been trying to sell the 20-acre Canterbury property in our CBD for nearly 10 years.

- Woodinville already has a significant oversupply of commercial land to serve its “retail basin” of approximately 60,000 people. This application would create an even larger surplus of commercial land, which would hurt existing businesses.

- Rising transportation costs mandate preservation of agricultural lands close to urban centers. Specifically, the Sammamish River Valley is some of the most productive agricultural land in the world.

- Sammamish Valley agricultural activists have worked for decades to preserve and enhance the valley’s agricultural base. It would betray and undermine their decades of effort to make this amendment with so little justification.

- Converse to the downward pressure on land prices inside the city limits, the prices of agricultural land would spike. Speculation for farmland perceived as a future financial windfall would raise agricultural land prices out of the reach of farmers.

Point 10: The Woodinville parcels appear to lack an applicant

King County staff member Paul Reitenbach states the following as the paperwork that led to the inclusion of the Woodinville parcels in the UGB amendments the County Council is currently
evaluating: "The docket was filed by the City of Woodinville. I treated this as a proposal by Woodinville to expand the Urban Growth Area boundary and the city’s Potential Annexation Area . . ." (Source: e-mail sent 9:23am, April 11, 2012).

Mr. Reitenbach is correct that Woodinville staff submitted a docket form to King County on June 30, 2010. But Woodinville City Manager Rich Leahy has explained to the Woodinville City Council that the docket form was submitted without authorization and in error. In a letter to the King County Council Central Staff dated April 11, 2012, he states, ". . . the current proposal pending before the County was not initiated by the City of Woodinville."

In other words, it is questionable whether there is an applicant for the Woodinville UGB amendments.

Closing Remarks and Recommendation

As a matter of full disclosure, we repeat that this document does not reflect the majority view of the Woodinville City Council as expressed in Resolution 414 (Appendix A of this document).

It does describe the reasons that we, as members of the Woodinville City Council, voted against Resolution 414 on March 6, 2012.

It also describes the reasons that Mayor Talmas declined to sign Resolution 414.

We recommend that the King County Council retain the existing King County Comprehensive Plan land use designations and zoning.

Kind regards,

Susan Boundy-Sanders

Bernie Talmas
RESOLUTION NO. 414

A RESOLUTION OF THE WOODINVILLE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES AND IN SUPPORT OF KING COUNTY POTENTIAL ANNEXATION AREAS AS IDENTIFIED IN RESOLUTION NO. 399.

WHEREAS, King County's 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process is underway and should include expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in the Woodinville area to ensure coordinated, proper, and sustainable land use development to accommodate future growth, including designating Potential Annexation Areas (PAAs); and

WHEREAS, two Potential Annexation Areas (PAAs), immediately adjacent to City of Woodinville boundaries, are already characterized by urban development and have necessary infrastructure available to sustain these urban uses; and

WHEREAS, the property owners of these PAAs approached the City of Woodinville to request annexation to Woodinville; and

WHEREAS, these PAAs are currently outside of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and must be included within the UGB to be annexed by Woodinville; and

WHEREAS, including these properties within the Urban Growth Boundary will meet the goals of the Growth Management Act by: limiting sprawling development; reducing costs by encouraging concentrated development; improving the efficiency of human services, utilities and transportation; protecting the rural area and resource lands; and enhancing open space; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of these areas within the Urban Growth Boundary will benefit the affected properties and surrounding Sammamish Valley: King County, and the City of Woodinville by protecting the natural environment; promoting agritourism, establishing appropriate oversight regarding the use of the affected properties; and ensuring a sustainable way to develop and maintain the affected properties;

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Woodinville City Council respectfully requests that the King County Council amend the King County Comprehensive Plan to expand the Urban Growth Boundary in the Woodinville area to include those properties, as shown in Exhibit 1, immediately adjacent to existing City boundaries; and that these areas be designated as Potential Annexation Areas for the City of Woodinville.

RESOLVED this 6th day of March 2012.

Bernard W. Talmas, MAYOR
(The Mayor declined to sign)
I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Woodinville, Washington (the "City"), hereby attest as follows:

1) Resolution No. 414, was approved at a regular meeting of the Woodinville City Council, held at the regular meeting place thereof on March 6, 2012; and

2) A quorum of the members of the Woodinville City Council was present throughout the regular meeting of March 6, 2012 and a majority of the full membership of the City Council voted in the proper manner for the adoption of Resolution No. 414.

3) Vote: Motion carried 5-2

Yes: Deputy Mayor Aspen, Councilmember Pregler, Councilmember Rubstello, Councilmember Bauman, Councilmember Hageman

No: Mayor Talmas, Councilmember Boundy-Sanders

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

[Signature]

Jennifer L. Kuhn
City Clerk/CMC
**Summary:** Because they are renters, have other distribution channels, have other lines of business, or other reasons, no code violators in the Sammamish Valley are genuinely in danger of being put out of business as a result of King County’s ordinance or enforcement.

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| Matthews | Own | Tasting | <6000 cases in 2012 | March 2019: 1-3 public events per week on calendar | Grapes: Negociant  
Production: "All" in Walla Walla  
Tasting: Outside Wdnvl (RA zone). Also have a space in Wdnvl Warehouse Dist | Costco, Village Wines, wine.com, totalwine.com madwine.com | Retirement project. In addition to paid events, several free events per year for Facebook communities |
| Feliciana | Rent | Tasting | 2500 cases/pr | March 2019: 1 public event per week shown on calendar | Grapes: 66-acre estate south of Walla Walla  
Production: Walla Walla  
Tasting: Walla Walla, outside Woodinville (RA zone) |  | Also B&B in Walla Walla |
| Silver Lake / Roza Hills / Fish Brewing | Own | Tasting | 50,000 cases/year | No events posted online. Weddings at Yakima location. | Grapes: Negociant  
Production: Zillah (near Yakima)  
Tasting: Outside Woodinville (RA zone)  
Land: Vacant parcel in Woodinville South Industrial District | QFC, wine.com totalwine.com | Silver Lake is consumer-owned, but other wineries are owned by Sal Leone. Sal is retired periodontist. |
| Cougar Crest | Rent | Tasting | 12,000 cases/year | None on calendar | Grapes: Owns 110 acres of grapes on own estate  
Production: Walla Walla  
Tasting: Outside Woodinville (RA zone), Walla Walla, Spokane, Dundee OR (SW of Portland) | Costco, QFC, Village Wines, wine.com totalwine.com madwine.com compasswines.com | David Hansen was veterinarian, Deborah a pharmacist for ~25 years. 110 acres of 125-acre apple orchard have been converted to grapes. |
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>Tasting</td>
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<td>None</td>
<td>100+ acres estate</td>
<td>Woodinville</td>
<td>Village Wines, wine.com, totalwine.com, madwine.com</td>
<td>Seattle neurosurgeon purchased several hundred acres in 1980. Part is now The Gorge Amphitheater. They have sold off 44 condos, inn, spa, and restaurant.</td>
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<td>DeLille (Chateau)</td>
<td>Own</td>
<td>Tasting</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>March 2019: All posted events are at Kirkland Maison.</td>
<td>Negociant</td>
<td>Moving to former Redhook site</td>
<td>Woodinville Hollywood District (in city), Kirkland, sales at Chateau (outside Woodinville in RA zone)</td>
<td>Costco, QFC, wine.com, totalwine.com, madwine.com</td>
<td>Founded 1992. 2018: Announced that production will move to Redhook site. 2018: Greg Lill says he is gradually retiring (&quot;stepping back&quot;).</td>
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<td>Betz</td>
<td>Own</td>
<td>Production</td>
<td>Open 2x/yr for releases</td>
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<td>Negociant with designated blocks in 4 AVAs</td>
<td>Outside Woodinville in RA zone</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>wine.com, totalwine.com, compasswines.com</td>
<td>Betz family sold to Steve and Bridgit Griessel in 2011. Bob Betz is now consulting winemaker.</td>
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Agricultural zoning is not enough to protect farms. Here’s why.

There’s nearly universal agreement that the Sammamish Valley and its agriculture are special, beautiful, and worth preserving. Some, however, claim that all that’s necessary to preserve Sammamish Valley agriculture is Agricultural zoning. Here’s why that’s necessary, but not sufficient.

Land speculators are pricing farmland out of reach of farmers.

- Two agricultural parcels in the Sammamish Valley have sold in the past three years for $230,000 to $300,000 per acre [1, 2], compared to Washington’s 2016 average of $12,500 per acre [3].
- Two agricultural parcels are currently for sale from $500,000 to $1,625,000 per acre [4].
- Developers are approaching farmers with offers to buy their farmland for development.
- Nonenforcement, and rewarding violators with favorable code changes, set a precedent for loosening land use rules in response to violations.

Buffers upslope of Agricultural land are Best Available Science and King County code. The proposed overlays overthrow Best Available Science.

- Buffers around Ag lands are Best Available Science, encouraged by the USDA to reduce erosion, shield farmland from pests and pathogens, and to infiltrate pollutants [5].
- King County’s Special District Overlay 120 (SO-120) was established to provide a buffer between agricultural and upslope residential uses (at a time when residential was the only likely use) [6].

Salmon need cold, clear, clean water.

- Properties within a quarter mile of the 100-year floodplain of the major receiving water – including the Sammamish Valley overlays and properties near them – are exempt from requirements to detain their storm water. They can release water warmed by blacktop and polluted by runoff with minimal treatment for pollutants, and no treatment for temperature [7].
- Conversely, farmers tell us that their well water supply has been diminishing rapidly over the past few years. This means less cold, clean water entering the Sammamish River.

Crops need darkness.

- Artificial night time light impairs the growth and flowering of plants [8, 9, 10].
- Bats and other nocturnal animals pollinate plants and eat pest insects at night. Studies show that the ecosystem may suffer if feeding is inhibited by artificial night, which blinds bats. [11].
- Insects, including pollinators, are mesmerized by artificial night lights and hover around lights rather than going about their usual activities [12].

Crops need clean air.

- Ground-level air pollution impairs plants’ ability to develop [13].

Crops need quiet.

- In response to urban noise levels, birds are showing changes in metabolism and in behavior. The changes impact the time they spend eating pest insects and therefore reduce crop yields [14].
- The number of birds reduces with increases in noise [15].
References

[8] https://www.highmowingseeds.com/blog/photoperiodism/
[10] https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4375372/

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Buildable lands and leasable space inside the UGB

From the inception of the Sammamish Valley study, a fatal flaw has been that the study, report, and ordinance have ignored buildable lands and leasable commercial space inside the Urban Growth Boundary—the appropriate location for manufacturing, retail, and commercial entertainment venues such as those permitted by King County Ordinance 2018-0241.

To that end, here is a listing of buildable land inside the four cities closest to the Sammamish Valley. The 870-plus total acres in the table below are nearly the size of the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District.

All values are from the 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report, Technical Appendix D.

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<td>66.2</td>
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<td>85</td>
<td>131.6</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>160.2</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>104</strong></td>
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Sincerely,
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Ty and Erin,

Please add the attached document to SEPA comment and hearing record for Ordinance 2018-0241

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From: Hon. Susan Boundy-Sanders, M.S.  
Date: 17 May 2019  
Re: SEPA threshold determination for King County Ordinance 2018-0241  

This letter responds to the SEPA threshold Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) issued for King County Ordinance 2018-0241. It begins with an explanation of my background. My comments on the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination focus on agricultural buffers. I provide data on available land and vacancies inside the Urban Growth Boundary in cities surrounding the valley. I conclude with a request for a full and publicly scoped Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). References to technical material are supplied at the end of the document.

My background and experience

My educational background includes a Master of Science degree in Geology, with a minor in Geophysics, from Caltech. I also worked for the U.S. Geological Survey. In both cases, my research focused on West Coast tectonics. The geology of the West Coast is so active that any study must begin by analyzing for slope instability, primarily landslides and erosion. I have applied this skill for the last 15 years in the Sammamish Valley in identifying critical areas and their buffers as a community organizer and, since 2009, as a member of the Woodinville City Council. My most important policy achievements have been adding landslide hazard areas and buffers to Woodinville’s maps, and preserving a crisp Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) between Woodinville and the rural and agricultural portions of the Sammamish Valley.

SEPA Checklist improperly dismisses checklist items as “Not applicable”

The SEPA Checklist for Ordinance 2018-0241 improperly dismisses most items as, “Not compatible for this nonproject action.” To the contrary, SEPA requires that the impacts of activities authorized by a piece of legislation be evaluated prior to adopting the legislation. In the context of this ordinance, this means that the impacts of the identified types of businesses, and the development of land with structures and site improvements to support these types of business activities, must be disclosed and analyzed prior to adopting the legislation.

Agricultural buffer Special District Overlay

King County established Agricultural Production Buffer Special District Overlay 120 (SO-120) for the purpose of providing “a buffer between agricultural and upslope residential uses” [1]. This was done at a time when rural land was recognized as intrinsically residential; wineries, breweries, distilleries, remote tasting rooms (bars), and event centers are so clearly urban that the buffer’s language anticipates no need to address these uses that are so inconsistent with rural zoning and infrastructure.

The fact that King County Ordinance 2018-0241 places urban-style Overlays A and B on the same parcels that are protected by Agricultural Production Buffer SO-120 is an indication of how inconsistent the ordinance is with the
County’s overall planning. A more in-depth examination of the functions of this buffer shows more clearly why Overlays A and B are incompatible with and damaging to agriculture.

Buffers upslope of Agricultural land are Best Available Science and King County code. The proposed overlays overthrow Best Available Science.

- Buffers around Ag lands are Best Available Science, encouraged by the USDA to reduce erosion, shield farmland from pests and pathogens, and to infiltrate pollutants [2].
- King County’s SO-120 was established to provide a buffer between agricultural and upslope residential uses (at a time when residential was the only likely use) [1].

Salmon need cold, clear, clean water.

- Properties within a quarter mile of the 100-year floodplain of the major receiving water – including the Sammamish Valley overlays and properties near them – are exempt from requirements to detain their storm water. They can release water warmed by blacktop and polluted by runoff with minimal treatment for pollutants, and no treatment for temperature [3].
- Conversely, farmers tell us that their well water supply has been diminishing rapidly over the past few years. This means less cold, clean water entering the Sammamish River.

Crops need darkness.

- Artificial night time light impairs the growth and flowering of plants [4, 5, 6].
- Bats and other nocturnal animals pollinate plants and eat pest insects at night. Studies show that the ecosystem may suffer if feeding is inhibited by artificial night, which blinds bats. [7].
- Insects, including pollinators, are mesmerized by artificial night lights and hover around lights rather than going about their usual activities [8].

Crops need clean air.

- Ground-level air pollution impairs plants’ ability to develop [9].

Crops need quiet.

- In response to urban noise levels, birds are showing changes in metabolism and in behavior. The changes impact the time they spend eating pest insects and therefore reduce crop yields [10].
- The number of birds reduces with increases in noise [11].

Urban uses not needed outside the Urban Growth Boundary

Ordinance 2018-0241, and in particular Overlays A and B, fail the “need” test in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP). Countywide Planning Policy FW-1 Step 7.a. lists a number of criteria against which UGB amendments are to be judged. Among them:

"the sufficiency of vacant, developable land and redevelopable land to meet projected needs."

The cited CPP is a criterion for amendment of the UGB, not for revision of permitted uses, but from a practical standpoint Ordinance 2018-0241 is a de facto UGB amendment – it introduces urban uses onto Rural and Agricultural zoned land and into legally recognized agricultural buffer zones.
The lack of need is well documented in the Comprehensive Plans of the cities that surround the Sammamish Valley. The following acreages of vacant and redevelopable land are from the 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report, Technical Appendix D [12]. The data clearly shows that there is abundant suitable land for the ordinance’s contemplated activities inside the Urban Growth Boundary.

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<tr>
<th>City</th>
<th>Bothell (in King Co.)</th>
<th>Kirkland</th>
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<tr>
<td>Commercial acreage</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>66.2</td>
<td>5.8</td>
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<td>Mixed-Use acreage</td>
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<td>131.6</td>
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<td>160.2</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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In addition, Woodinville has a significant amount of commercial space, either new or in process:

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<th>Zone</th>
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<td>Industrial</td>
<td>Leasable industrial space</td>
<td>3.2%, avg $15.74/sf/yr</td>
<td>Eastside vacancy rate per NAI-PSP</td>
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<td>Retail</td>
<td>Leasable retail space</td>
<td>2.1%, avg $27.67/sf/yr</td>
<td>Eastside vacancy rate per NAI-PSP</td>
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<td>S. Industrial</td>
<td>15902 Wood-Red Rd</td>
<td>158,725 sf</td>
<td>Newly complete, mostly vacant</td>
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<td>Downtown</td>
<td>Woodin Creek Village</td>
<td>Tens of 1000s sf</td>
<td>Under construction</td>
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<td>Downtown</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>Few 1000 sf</td>
<td>Building permits applied for</td>
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<td>Tourist</td>
<td>Apple Farm Village</td>
<td>Few 1000 sf</td>
<td>Building permits applied for</td>
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<td>Downtown</td>
<td>Civic campus</td>
<td>14,000 sf</td>
<td>Development Agreement passed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tourist</td>
<td>Woodinville (Wine) Village</td>
<td>Tens of 1000s sf</td>
<td>Zoning entitlements granted</td>
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<td>Downtown</td>
<td>Fowler property</td>
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<td>In design</td>
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<td>Woodgate/Doug’s Boats</td>
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<td>Molbak’s nursery etc.</td>
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**Conclusion**

A fundamental weakness of Ordinance 2018-0241 is that it floats free of – and is inconsistent with – the rest of King County’s policies and programs, and the County’s otherwise long and excellent stewardship and protection of rural and agricultural lands. It appears the SEPA threshold determination suffers from the same shortcoming. It seems clear that the appropriate SEPA threshold determination is a Determination of Significance, to be followed by a full and publicly scoped Environmental Impact Statement.

**References**

[10] https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects_wildlife.htm
Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 2:13 PM  
To: Dembowski, Rod; Gossett, Larry; Lambert, Kathy; Kohl-Welles, Jeanne; Upthegrove, Dave; Balducci, Claudia; von Reichbauer, Pete; McDermott, Joe; Dunn, Reagan  
Cc: Auzins, Erin  
Subject: FW: Support for Ordinance 2018-0241.2  

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From: M C [mailto:mocramer@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 2:09 PM  
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>  
Subject: Support for Ordinance 2018-0241.2

Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my support for Ordinance 2018-0241.2 demonstration project. Although I have no intention of running a winery I am thrilled to see the wine and beverage industry supported by the council. I am a huge advocate of the wine industry and my family bought property in Woodinville just to be close to the industry. We intend to build a single family home on the property we own there. Woodinville is like no other wine region I know of; it has thrived in spite of relatively little fruit production purely from the will of contributors like Alan Shoup and others determined to offer access to the wine industry to western Washington residents. I applaud your efforts to expand wine tourism in the area and look forward to the growth of the industry and increased recognition of the talented wine producers on the world stage. If I can be of any assistance in promoting this or similar ordinances, please contact me. You can expect to see me at the June 12th public hearing.

Matthew Cramer  
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On behalf of Friends of Sammamish Valley, I am submitting the attached comments in response to the DNS issued in connection with the proposed adoption of the Adult Beverage Ordinance.

I would appreciate it if you will reply to this email to acknowledge receipt of our comments.

Thank you,

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RE: Friends of Sammamish Valley Comments Concerning SEPA DNS for Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241.2 - Regulations for Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries

Dear Mr. Peterson:

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Sammamish Valley to provide comments in response to the King County SEPA DNS dated April 26, 2019 issued in connection with proposed Ordinance 2018-0241.2 (the Ordinance). Friends of Sammamish Valley is a Washington nonprofit corporation comprised of citizens, businesses and organizations with the shared goals of protecting the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District (APD) and Sammamish Valley watershed, maintaining the character of the surrounding Rural Area, and preserving the rural lifestyle for local residents.

FoSV’s members reside and do business in areas that will be directly affected by the zoning changes set out in the Ordinance. We have firsthand knowledge of negative environmental impacts that have arisen from illegal land uses and business activities in our community that the Ordinance would legalize and further expand. Our position is that, by electing to forgo preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS), the County has failed to meet its obligations under SEPA. We ask that the DNS be withdrawn and that an EIS be prepared.

A primary function of SEPA is to ensure that decision makers and the public are informed of the environmental impacts that are likely to occur as the result of proposed governmental actions. The information provided by an EIS enables citizens to participate more effectively in the legislative process. An EIS enables decision makers to understand the consequences of adopting proposed legislation.

An EIS must include consideration of alternatives that would have lesser environmental impacts. The requirement to consider alternatives through preparation of an EIS is particularly important in this case where the primary objectives of the Sept 2016 Sammamish Valley Wine and Beverage Study were to develop policy and code recommendations for King County to consider in addressing the wine industry as it has evolved in the county based on the following guiding principles:

- Nurture the burgeoning wine and beverage industry in King County;
- Improve the interface of wine-related businesses with the surrounding communities;
• Honor the requirements of the state Growth Management Act and the policies of the county’s Comprehensive Plan as they relate to urban growth areas, farmland preservation, and to rural areas.

There are many approaches to achieving these objectives. While the Sammamish Valley’s rare combination of natural resources and environmentally critical areas, surrounded by thriving urban areas, provides the cornerstone for the unique success of the Woodinville Wine Country experience and provides a showcase for successful applications of the principles of the GMA, these factors also render the Valley susceptible to impacts of high intensity land uses and to pressures to convert open space, farmlands and rural areas to more intense uses. An EIS would ask and answer the question: “what other areas in the County could serve to nurture the burgeoning wine and beverage industry in King County with lesser impacts to farmland and other environmentally critical areas throughout the County?”

FoSV has asked former City of Redmond Planning Director and Responsible SEPA Official, Roberta Lewandowski, to address the obligations SEPA places on King County in the context of the proposed Ordinance and to comment on whether those obligations have been fulfilled. We have asked Barbara Lau, an educator and environmental scientist, to discuss some of the likely environmental impacts of the proposed ordinance. And we have asked land use attorney, Peter Eglick, to provide his comments in response to the DNS. We have attached the responses provided by Ms. Lewandowski and Ms. Lau. Mr. Eglick will submit his comments by separate email. We incorporate the discussion and comments provided by each of these three representatives of FoSV into the comments submitted by FoSV in response to the DNS.

Sincerely,

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425-985-2992  
GoFoSV.org
To: Serena Glover, Executive Director, Friends of Sammamish Valley  
From: Roberta Lewandowski  
Date: May 16, 2019  
Subject: King County SEPA Compliance – Adult Beverage Ordinance

Based on my professional experience as former Planning Director and SEPA Responsible Official for the City of Redmond, you have asked me to address the question of whether the issuance of a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) by King County in connection with the proposed adoption of the Adult Beverage Ordinance (the Ordinance) is a proper implementation of SEPA. I will first describe my relevant Redmond professional experience and then I will explain why I have concluded that the King County DNS is not appropriate.

Related Professional Experience.

I served as Planning Director for the City of Redmond for 16 years. I was responsible for comprehensive land use planning, including compliance with the Growth Management Act (GMA) and the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP). Along with the Director of Public Works, I served as Redmond’s SEPA Responsible Official. In that capacity, I was responsible for ensuring the City complied with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). I participated in making hundreds of SEPA threshold determinations.

My responsibilities as Planning Director for Redmond included coordination with King County and the surrounding cities on regional planning issues and land use and environmental issues involving the Sammamish Valley APD, including the Sammamish River and tributary rivers and streams flowing from the surrounding Rural Areas.

The DNS Is Not a Proper Implementation of SEPA.

In this case, King County has misunderstood the manner in which SEPA applies to a proposal to amend the King County’s Zoning Code. Under SEPA, proposals for legislation such as an ordinance amending zoning regulations may be defined as a governmental “nonproject actions”. While in many cases the information available about impacts of nonproject actions is less specific than in the case of project specific proposals such as a real estate development project on a specific site (“project action”), nevertheless SEPA requires that the impacts of activities authorized by the legislation be evaluated prior to adopting the legislation. In this context, this means that the impacts of the identified types of businesses, and the development of land with structures and site improvements to support these types of business activities, must be analyzed prior to adopting the legislation.

The logic of the SEPA requirement to evaluate impacts of nonproject actions is apparent. The objective is to provide information on impacts to legislators and the public to enable decisions to be made in the process of formulating legislation that take environmental impact into account. SEPA requires that the cumulative impacts of multiple individual activities, such as multiple development projects and/or the conduct of multiple individual businesses authorized
by a zoning code amendment, be evaluated prior to adopting legislation that would authorize the activities. If no meaningful environmental analysis is conducted “up front”, the ability to evaluate and avoid or mitigate cumulative impacts before it is too late is lost.

The determination of whether adoption of the legislation is likely to result in significant environmental impacts is termed a SEPA “threshold determination”. The primary means of making a threshold determination is to analyze information provided in response to a series of questions set out in a form known as the “SEPA Checklist”. I have reviewed the SEPA Checklist used by the County in making its threshold determination on the Ordinance. It is evident from reviewing the Checklist that the King County representatives charged with implementing SEPA provided virtually no information requested by the SEPA Checklist. The response to virtually all questions on the main portion of the Checklist was “not applicable for this nonproject action”. This is not compliant with SEPA.

The SEPA Checklist includes a “supplemental sheet” for nonproject actions. The supplemental sheet must be completed in addition to, not in lieu of, the main portion of the Checklist. While the County provided more verbiage in its responses to the questions in this part of the form, many of the responses are incomplete, misleading or incorrect. For example, Question 5 reads:

*How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?*

The response states:

*The proposal does not expand winery, brewery, and distillery uses to new zoning districts within unincorporated King County and seeks to balance Comprehensive Plan policies for preserving rural character while providing limited scale economic activities.*

*Proposed measures to avoid or deduce shoreline and land use impacts are:*

*None proposed.*

The response fails to disclose that the Ordinance will expand retail drinking place uses termed “remote tasting rooms” into Rural Area zones where this use is currently unlawful or the impacts of expanding special event centers in the Rural Area. The Checklist responses do not disclose that these uses often depend upon and create pressure for require urban services, typically considered urban, such as improved/higher capacity streets and pedestrian facilities, sewers, storm drainage, parking areas, lighting, and increased police, fire and emergency medical services. These urban services and infrastructure are not typically present in the Rural Area and under the GMA are not supposed to be. The Checklist does not disclose that the Countywide Planning Policies, King County Comprehensive Plan precluding urban services and infrastructure in the Rural Area and does not acknowledge the potential impacts of inserting land uses that increase demands on such services and infrastructure outside of the Urban Growth Boundary into the Rural Area.

Supplemental Question 6 states:
How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation of public services and utilities?

The response states:

The proposal is not expected to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

Yet, the Ordinance targets the Rural Area and Agricultural Production District for development as a destination for tourist retail activities:

Section 29. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 21A.55 a new section to read as follows:

A. The purpose of remote tasting room demonstration project A is to:
   1. Support agriculture and synergistic development of mixed use adult beverage facilities in order to boost agritourism and the areas’ reputations as food and adult beverage destinations;

Section 31. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 21A.55 a new section to read as follows:

A. The purpose of the special events demonstration project B is to:
   1. Support agriculture and synergistic development of adult beverage facilities in order to boost agritourism and the Sammamish valley’s reputation as a food and adult beverage destination.

As discussed in the memo provided by Barbara Lau that accompanies these comments, the Sammamish Valley is a particularly poor choice for a place to promote development allowed by the Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance would have the effect of extending the Woodinville Tourist District into the Rural Area, adjacent to the APD, by allowing tourist destination drinking places and special event businesses to expand into the two overlay districts extending along highways from the Tourist District. The system of rural roads in the Sammamish Valley is currently congested. Tourist oriented eating and drinking places and event centers draw significant volumes of auto traffic and require large parking areas. These impacts should have been identified, disclosed, quantified and considered.

There is a history of stormwater runoff from Rural Area hillsides making portions of the APD too wet for farming. The overlay districts are placed on hillside slopes that have been given a special zoning overlay designation to buffer the APD including special restrictions to limit stormwater impacts. Yet the impacts of more retail and commercial development in the form of remote tasting rooms and special event centers include increased stormwater runoff from parking areas, drives and new buildings. Increased impervious surfaces reduce groundwater recharge, increase surface water pollution and raise water temperature in streams that are detrimental to fish. The responses in the SEPA Checklist should clearly disclose that the tourist oriented, strip
commercial development fostered by the Ordinance will conflict with the Countywide Planning Policies, the KCCP, and the GMA which all mandate protection for the APD, Rural Area and environmentally critical areas found in the Sammamish Valley.

To fulfill the purposes and requirements of SEPA, King County must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). One of the fundamental functions of an EIS is to evaluate alternatives that may have lesser environmental impacts. SEPA recognizes that the same action taken at one location may have much greater environmental impact than if undertaken at another location. The objective of fostering a tourist destination based on adult beverage sales and related events should be evaluated in terms of whether and where this objective can be achieved with lesser environmental impacts and interference with the GMA than in the Sammamish Valley, such as within a city or its Urban Growth Boundary.

Perhaps the clearest way to understand why issuance of the DNS is fundamentally noncompliant with SEPA is to examine the language of the Ordinance. At Section 29, the purposes of the remote tasting room demonstration project A are stated to include:

2. *Enable the county to determine if expanded adult beverage-based uses can be permitted while maintaining the core functions of the Rural Area and Agricultural zones;*

3. *Determine the impacts and benefits of the adult beverage industry on Rural Area and Agricultural zoned areas, including the impacts and benefits of the industry on Agricultural Production Districts and including those properties where the demonstration project sites are located and the surrounding areas;*

The GMA mandates protection for the character of the APD and Rural Area. The Countywide Planning Policies and the King County Comprehensive Plan impose the same requirement. The proposed Ordinance would flatly conflict with this requirement by not assuring protections of the APD and Rural character. Instead, the County is attempting to see how far it can go in introducing urban uses into the Rural Area before the breaking point is reached—the point at which “the core functions of the Rural Area and Agricultural Zones” can no longer be maintained. The Ordinance will set in place an experiment to determine what impacts will result from allowing these uses in the Rural Area and whether they will disrupt the fundamental protections in place for the Rural Area and APD. The Ordinance turns SEPA upside down. Instead of complying with the requirements of SEPA that identification and analysis of environmental impacts take place early in the process of adopting proposed zoning regulations, the Ordinance calls for a wait and see approach.

The Ordinance will put in place an experiment to determine what impacts will result from allowing these uses in the Rural Area and whether they will disrupt the fundamental protections in place for the Rural Area and APD. Only following development and establishment of businesses in the APD and Rural Area as allowed by the Ordinance will the County “[d]etermine the impacts and benefits of the adult beverage industry on the Rural Area and Agricultural Production Districts . . . .” This after-the-fact approach, looking backward to discover environmental impacts, does not comply with either the spirit or the requirements of SEPA. Nor is it possible to reverse the impacts of development once it is already in place, thus making compliance with SEPA all the more important.
The Ordinance specifically targets the Sammamish Valley extending north from the City of Redmond to Woodinville for development of the Tourist destination. The Ordinance would assign two “Special Demonstration Project Overlay” designations to the Rural Area hillsides on the east side of the Valley. The overlay areas are shown on attached Overlay A Map and Overlay B Map. Many aspects of the Ordinance would also affect the Agricultural land adjacent to the Rural Area. Pursuant to the GMA and Countywide Planning Policies, King County has designated these farmlands as agricultural lands of long-term significance and they have been designated as the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District as shown on the attached APD Map.

I am very familiar with this unique area. It would be difficult to find an area where the impacts of fostering a tourist destination for adult beverage drinking and special event centers would be more profound. The Washington State Supreme Court recognized the unique and threatened nature of the Sammamish Valley in its landmark decision establishing that preservation of Agricultural land is a paramount and mandatory requirement of the GMA, not a competing objective to be balanced with other GMA objectives. In King County v. Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, 142 Wn.2d 543; 14 P.3d 133 (2000), the Washington State Supreme Court ruled that the GMA mandate that agricultural land be protected is paramount to competing interests such as the need for recreational land. The Supreme Court upheld the Growth Management Hearings Board order that invalidated the King County Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments that would have allowed use of agricultural land for sports fields stating:

The soils of the Sammamish Valley APD have the unique characteristics of prime farmland. The APD includes some of the most productive agricultural land in the state, but it is also among the areas most impacted by rapid population growth and development. Even though the properties in this case lie in the APD, there is pressure to convert the land to nonagricultural uses.

When read together, RCW 36.70A.020(8), .060(1), and .170 evidence a legislative mandate for the conservation of agricultural land. Further, RCW 36.70A.177 must be interpreted to harmonize with that mandate. Nothing in the Act permits recreational facilities to supplant agricultural uses on designated lands with prime soils for agriculture.

The County's amendments, which allow active recreational uses on designated agricultural lands, do not comply with the GMA. Although the GMA encourages recreational uses of land, there is no conservation mandate for recreational use as with agricultural use. In this case, the GMA mandates conservation of the APD's limited, irreplaceable agricultural resource lands. There are still thousands of acres suitable for athletic fields--outside the APDs.

The King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) designates the land extending east from the Sammamish Valley APD as “Rural Area” to buffer the APD, limit sprawl, protect the rural character of the area and protect sensitive resources, such as groundwater recharge areas and watersheds. The Ordinance would legalize and encourage “remote tasting rooms” in the area designated Overlay A and “event centers” in the area designated Overlay B. These uses require
urban services and draw customers from a wide region. Approximately seven businesses currently operate in violation of zoning in this area, most have converted former residential structures to business use. These businesses devote substantial portions of their sites to parking. They have insufficient septic capacity to handle large crowds and no storm water management. They clearly generate significant traffic. If adopted, the Ordinance will make these retail uses legal in the Rural Area and will allow others to be established. The SEPA Checklist discloses no data and devotes no analysis to these uses.

The GMA mandates that counties designate Rural Areas in their comprehensive plans to serve as buffers to resource lands. The GMA mandates that county comprehensive land use plans preserve the character of Rural Areas and that development regulations (including zoning) implement and be consistent with the comprehensive plan. The Ordinance will legalize and allow for more remote tasting rooms and special event centers in the Rural Area. In terms of land use impacts, remote tasting rooms are bars or taverns. Bars and taverns are classified as the land use “eating and drinking places” by the King County Zoning Code. This use is classified as a retail use per King County’s zoning code permitted land use charts. Eating and drinking places are allowed in commercial zones. They are not allowed in Rural Area and Agricultural zones.

On sites in the area designated “Overlay B” portion of the Rural Area buffer, the Ordinance would legalize and encourage businesses referred to as “special event centers”. Special event centers will be permitted in connection with a business activity defined very loosely by the Ordinance as a “winery”, “brewery” or “distillery” (W/B/D). The business conducted by special event centers is hosting social and business gatherings for groups of up to 250 people such as weddings, ______________. Event centers typically serve food and alcoholic beverages.

As noted, approximately seven businesses currently operate tasting room and/or event centers in violation of zoning in this area. If adopted, the Ordinance will make these retail and special event uses legal in the Rural Area.

**Conclusion.**

For the reasons stated above, and based on my knowledge as described above and my experience as a SEPA Responsible Official and as a Planning Director working with GMA, a Determination of Significance (DS) SEPA threshold determination should have been issued for the proposed Ordinance. The failure to do so and the County’s issuance of its cursory DNS shortchanges the public and substantially interferes with implementing the goals and policies of the GMA. If the Ordinance is not itself withdrawn, further consideration should only occur after preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, including an analysis of potential alternative locations for the Overlay A and Overlay B areas.
To: Serena Glover, Executive Director, Friends of Sammamish Valley  
From: Barbara Lau, MA, MBA, CRL  
Date: May 16, 2019  
Subject: King County SEPA Compliance – Ordinance 2018-0241

**Introduction.** You have asked me to draw upon my education and professional experience to comment on environmental impacts that are likely to result from land development and business operations that would be allowed by the proposed Adult Beverage Ordinance 2018-0241.2 (Ordinance). My education includes earning Bachelors and Masters degrees in Geography, both from the University of California, Los Angeles. My studies included a thesis in hydrology and erosion. I have completed course work and attained certification in climate change science from Cornell University.

My professional experience includes working in the position of Environmental Scientist with a major engineering firm where I prepared SEPA Checklists, Environmental Impact Statements and other regulatory documents. My professional work experience also includes work as the Environmental Compliance Specialist/Permitting Coordinator for an environmental law firm where I prepared environmental compliance documents and led environmental consultant teams preparing expert testimony, regulatory compliance actions, and mitigation. I have been active on a volunteer basis in multiple environmental and land use issues regionally and with a focus on the Sammamish Valley.

**Environmental Impacts.** As explained below, adoption of the Ordinance will legalize existing illegal business activities and authorize new land development and business activities that will cause significant environmental impacts. Under SEPA, impacts are “significant” if they will have more than a moderate effect upon the environment. The “environment” includes both the natural environment and the built environment. The thousands of homes in the rural residential neighborhoods that comprise the predominant land use in most of King County’s Rural Areas are included in the term “built environment”.

Impacts on the environment include increased demands for governmental facilities and services. “Facilities” include transportation infrastructure such as roads, signalization, sidewalks, and street lighting. This term includes utilities such as sanitary sewer and stormwater detention, treatment and conveyance systems. “Services” includes police, fire and emergency medical services.

Inconsistencies with land use regulations, adopted land use policies and plans such as the Growth Management Act (GMA), Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) and the King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) are red flags indicating environmental impacts. These fundamental regulations and plans comprise an interrelated system that has been implemented to minimize environmental impacts from land uses and development. Actions that are inconsistent with these regulations, policies and plans require environmental analysis.

In the context of a public proposal for a program or legislation (a “nonproject action”), analysis of environmental impacts must first include disclosure of impacts and then consideration of how impacts can be avoided or lessened (“mitigated”) through alternatives to the proposal that could meet some or all of the objectives of the proposal with lesser environmental impacts.

The Ordinance identifies the objectives of supporting the adult beverage industry and fostering food and drink related tourism. However, the SEPA Checklist and DNS issued by King County do not acknowledge the impacts that even at this “nonproject” stage can be predicted as, for
example, associated with such increased “tourism.” The resulting failure to require an EIS
deprives the public, contrary to SEPA, of analysis of alternative locations for tourist destinations
that are likely to incur less negative environmental impacts than the areas targeted by the
Ordinance. This is particularly apt in the case of a proposal to allow retail and commercial
business activities and related land development in Rural and Agricultural areas such as the
Sammamish Valley.

Impacts on the Sammamish Valley Ecosystem

The Ordinance promotes transformation of substantial portions of the Sammamish Valley
Ecosystem into a food and adult beverage-oriented tourist destination. The Sammamish Valley
Ecosystem is the entire broad Sammamish River Valley trough, steep sloped bluff hillsides, and
upland plateaus. This is an area where a major migratory salmon river, Rural Area residential
neighborhoods, prime farmlands, and, in the north end, a city regional center for wine-oriented
tourism converge in a setting interspersed with environmentally sensitive natural features. The
environmentally sensitive features within the eastern steeped slope Rural Area bluffs are
protected by the county by a Special Overlay 120 (SO-120) designation and are within the Rural
Area Buffer to the Agricultural valley.

Given the complex and sensitive nature of the Sammamish Valley ecosystem, it is particularly
important that environmental impacts of this proposed governmental action—adoption of
significant changes in the Zoning Code—be fully analyzed and considered in decision making.

A map identifying environmentally sensitive areas in the portion of the Sammamish Valley
targeted for creation of a tourist destination area is set forth on the following page.
The proposed Ordinance would allow Wineries, Breweries, Distilleries (WBDs), remote tasting rooms and event centers on steep sloped hillside Rural Area Buffer land, in addition to Winery, Brewery, Distillery, (WBD) development on Agricultural land in the Valley floor. Demonstration Project Areas A and B would be imposed directly on top of the King County Special District Overlay 120 (SO-120). The purpose of SO-120 is to provide a buffer between farmland in the APD and upslope land uses.

The SO-120 Agricultural Buffer Area Special District Overlay is depicted on the map on the following page.
The land included in “Demonstration Area A” and “Demonstration Area B” is nearly coextensive with the Agricultural Buffer Area Special District Overlay 120. The following description of the purpose of the buffer appears on the DPR website:

**SO-120: Agricultural Production Buffer SDO**

An agricultural production buffer special district overlay provides a buffer between agricultural and upslope residential land uses.

**Development Condition Text**

21A.38.130 Special district overlay - agricultural production buffer.

A. The purpose of the agricultural production buffer special district overlay is to provide a buffer between agricultural and upslope residential land uses. An agricultural production buffer special district overlay shall only be established in areas adjacent to an agricultural production district and zoned RA.

B. The following development standard shall apply to residential subdivisions locating in an agricultural production buffer special district overlay: **Lots shall be clustered in accordance with K.C.C. 21A.14.040 and at least seventy-five percent of a site shall remain as open space, unless greater lot area is required by the Seattle-King County department of public health.** (Ord. 15032 § 50, 2004: Ord. 12823 § 8, 1997).

One way the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer provides environmental protection to the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District (APD) is by strictly limiting impervious surfaces in the Buffer area such that 75% of development sites must be open space. All water discharges from the uplands and from the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer area flow to the Sammamish Valley Floor. The Rural Area Buffer is necessary to protect the Valley floor from the erosion and deposition of sediments from the Valley bluffs and from changes in the surface and groundwater hydrology flowing to the Sammamish River.

Currently, precipitation falls on largely undisturbed slopes and slowly recharges the groundwater. This existing condition generally does not create Valley flooding, stream erosion or sediment deposition. Allowing commercial, urban development in the specially designated SO-120 Buffer to the Agricultural Lands will change the hydrology and water quality in the Rural Buffer Area and the Agricultural Land.

The Ordinance allows large parking lots and impervious surface areas in Rural Areas, including on the steep slopes of the SO-120 buffer to the Sammamish Valley APD. Most, if not all, of the current unlawful remote tasting room and event center sites have no stormwater or surface water catchment systems. None are served by a pubic sewer system. Several current violators have asphalt parking lots, downslope of the steep slopes that are within feet of channelized streams flowing directly into the Sammamish River.

Inadequately served sites such as these contaminate surface waters, overland flow, down gradient soils and multiple water bodies. For example, the creek on the Matthews property, parcel 152605-9092 (an illegally operating drinking establishment), runs down slope on the property, and alongside their parking lot and road frontage. This creek picks up toxics and
debris from the parking lot on the Matthews property as overland flows off the impervious surfaces are heated as water rushes over the compacted and impervious building and parking lot surfaces. The overland flow is deposited into the creek which flows directly into the Sammamish River from the Matthews property by way of the Tonnemaker Farm which grows organic produce. It contributes to heating of the Sammamish River, which is used by five migrating salmonid species. These salmonids need clean, cool water to travel to/from their natal streams.

Site development to support the uses allowed by the Ordinance will significantly reduce effectiveness of the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer. The more impervious surface and more compaction from vehicles traveling and parking on former open spaces that occurs, the more changes the hydrology of the Valley will be impacted. The SEPA Checklist does not acknowledge or address this at all, but the Ordinance will encourage commercial development that will increase impervious surfaces above ground, contributing to fast moving, increased volumes of surface and overland runoff.

Additionally, the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer helps to maintain the water quality in the Sammamish River. The Sammamish River serves as an important migratory corridor for fish that spawn in its tributaries. Salmonid species known or expected to be present in the river at least seasonally include Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, Sockeye salmon, as well as Kokanee, Steelhead, and Cutthroat trout. Chinook salmon and Steelhead Trout are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. These species travel to/from spawning and rearing habitats, using the Sammamish River as a major migratory route.

**Environmentally Sensitive Areas**

The steep valley bluffs of the Sammamish Valley (Rural Area Buffer) include areas designated as Environmentally Sensitive Areas including areas of steep slope, erosion, landslide, wetland and seismic hazards.

*Under the Growth Management Act (GMA), local jurisdictions must protect environmentally critical areas and designate natural resource lands (e.g., forest, agricultural, and mineral areas) and urban growth areas, which identify where urban growth and development may occur. The 2017 Salmon Recovery Plan calls for managing growth in a way that minimizes negative impacts to salmon. This includes maintaining existing UGA boundaries, unless altering the boundary would be beneficial to salmon.*

Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan 10-year Update, pg.44.

Drainage from the eastern upland plateaus has created more than eleven mapped, perennial small creeks cutting down the Valley slopes. These creeks and other seeps all drain into the Valley and converge with the Sammamish River. Several, including Gold Creek and Tributary 0095, support fish populations. Derby Creek is considered to be an important source of cool water for the Sammamish River system. Cutthroat trout are known to use Derby Creek.

The Ordinance directly harms the fishery resources by increasing warm, impervious surfaces leading to hot, toxic increased runoff and sedimentation during rainfall events. Currently, several illegal remote tasting rooms and event centers have parking lots within five feet of Derby Creek and other direct tributaries to the Sammamish River with no storm water pollution
prevention controls. Even with such controls, which are imperfect, water contamination impacts associated with such uses as the Ordnance would allow threatens the salmon, and other fish, aquatic and avian species frequenting the area.

The 2017 Salmon Recovery Plan Update included an inventory of salmon enhancement projects along the stretch of the Sammamish River directly impacted by increased impervious surface area upon the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer. The inventory list four projects directly related to three of the eleven tributaries from the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer and a fourth in the Sammamish River. The cost to tax payers for two of the projects was over $2.2 million.

The Derby Creek Enhancement Project has been classified as a high-priority restoration action in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish watershed for more than a decade. The project is listed in the October 2017 10-year update of the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan, which notes that the project would implement recovery strategies related to thermal stress, riparian vegetation, and passage barriers. The project is also listed in the current Four-Year Work Plan, which identifies the highest-priority, most ready-to-implement projects. The project, which is scheduled to begin work shortly, will remove or reduce impediments to fish migration and would improve fish habitat.

In addition to Sammamish River enhancement projects, there are many more enhancements in the Sammamish River WRIA 8 watershed aimed at salmon recovery. The Bear Creek/Cottage Lake Creek system, a tributary to the Sammamish River is the primary spawning tributary for the naturally produced portion of the Sammamish River Chinook salmon population. Issaquah Creek, Evans Creek and the Issaquah Hatchery all rear salmonids which must travel to/from these natal streams through the Sammamish River.

The Ordinance would legalize existing, and encourage new, commercial development and business activities that run counter to the objectives of public investments in these enhancement projects.

The Ordinance also incentivizes creation of subsurface storage rooms both in the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer and on the Agricultural Land. Groundwater is typically recharged through the slow percolation of precipitation into the soil. Thus, in the undisturbed steep Valley slopes, the precipitation soaks into the soils and slowly makes its way down gradient or to the natural streams originating on the slopes. Instead, with increased impervious surfaces, the runoff washes down into the Valley, and waterlogs the soils during the rainy season. However, by late summer this also creates a water deficit because groundwater has not been recharged by percolation. Thus, the farmlands are negatively impacted with waterlogged soils in the spring during crucial planting time, and also in late summer due to the need for irrigation. The removal of soils for the underground storage space further complicates this situation because subsurface water is blocked and forced to travel around the structures, thereby creating wetter and drier pockets down gradient.

Remote tasting room and event center structures, paved land areas, and unpaved but compacted land such as parking areas, will harm the farmland below. Rainfall from the upland slopes races off roofs and parking lots, heating the water and washing toxics and debris directly down gradient and onto the farmland and into the Sammamish River. This water rushes down into the Valley, turning the soil into unworkable muck. The result is waterlogged soils and increased soil toxicity. In addition, both the speed and intensity of the overland surface water decreases once it reaches the Valley floor leading to ponding water on soils from overland
flows. In the streams, the erosive nature upstream of the faster moving water erodes stream banks and, reaching the Valley floor, increases sedimentation in the Sammamish River.

**Lack of Wastewater Treatment Facilities**

The Rural Area Buffer land is not served by a sanitary sewer system. Sewer systems cannot legally be extended into Rural Areas. The increase in effluent from new construction within the SO 120 Rural Area Buffer, even assuming all regulations can be, and in fact are complied with, and the continued overuse of the old septic systems in former old single-family homes that have been, or could be, converted to remote tasting rooms and event centers, is of particular concern. Several of the current violating “tasting room/bars” must pump their inadequate household septic system tanks weekly. These systems can leach and/or overflow excess effluent into the groundwater, swamp the Valley farm soils. The Ordinance sets up a situation that is likely to be impossible to rectify. It aims to legalize businesses operated by violators on undersized lots and/or served by old residential septic systems, with the assumption that current Health Department standards for on-site sewage disposal can and will be complied with. In fact, given the volumes of effluent generated by special events and bars, compliance in terms of functioning on-site drain field systems may not be possible for many of the existing and potential sites.

Casa Feliciana remote tasting room (parcel 3407700006) is an example of an illegal drinking establishment operating in an old converted home. It is located in a home built in the 1920s. King County Public Health department does not have records of any upgrades to the septic system during the period the Health Department has been keeping records (at least 40 years). Other illegal remote tasting rooms in homes built in the 1920s include Cougar Crest, Forgeron and Cave B.

Septic systems on these old lots were designed, sized and constructed for domestic use. Commercial uses located on lots with deficient septic systems tend to pump excess effluent into the drain fields, which become waterlogged and further increase subsurface water flow down gradient to the creeks and farmlands. Failed septic systems leach excess or inadequately treated wastewater into the groundwater, causing contamination of the Valley groundwater, which can spread into the Sammamish River. This condition is very harmful during the winter when the already waterlogged soils and soil microbes do not have capacity for excess effluent. In the summer, septic system effluents may replace some of the previously clean groundwater.

Commercial uses often generate wastewater volumes that exceed the capacity of old, domestic on-site septic drain fields. For example, King County Public Health records indicate Matthews was required to cease using its drain field in 2016. At that time, the drain field served the Matthews drinking establishment, a converted RV storage garage that is located across the street from Tonnemaker’s organic farm. Matthews is now required to collect sewage waste in a 1,500 gallon holding tank that must be pumped and trucked to a disposal facility, reportedly as frequently as every three days. No on-site drain field or other treatment is provided. Failure to empty the holding tank will result in raw sewage overflow. This facility, which refers to itself as a “winery,” is in fact not allowed to engage in any wine production per conditions of their septic plan approval. Similar situations are likely to occur if other WBDs or event centers are built in the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer.

Thus, the septic issues will remain with the legalization of WBDs, tasting rooms and event centers, especially if the violating properties are allowed to remain on their inadequate systems.
The septic issues alone are cause to remove the Demonstration Project Overlays A and B for remote tasting rooms and event centers from the SO-120 Agricultural Buffer area.

**Countywide Impacts to Farmland and Rural Areas.**

Many of the provisions of the Ordinance will apply Countywide. For example, the definitions of “winery”, “brewery” and “distillery” are so vague they allow virtually any business that has tenuous connections with actual production to claim to fit these definitions, and thus be allowed to primarily engage in retail service and sales of alcoholic beverages and in many cases to operate a special event center. An EIS is needed to quantify the impacts to the prime farmland of the Agricultural Production Districts (APDs), not only in the Sammamish River Valley, but also the North and South Snoqualmie River Valley APDs, Upper and Lower Green River Valley APDs and the Enumclaw Plateau, in addition to the Rural Area that serves as buffers to these APDs. More than 4,500 acres in the Snoqualmie watershed have been protected through the Farmland Preservation Program. The Ordinance affects all of Rural Area and Agricultural zoned lands in King County including the potential to impact the environmentally sensitive areas, threatened and endangered species that are associated with the prime farmlands in the APDs.

**Rivers and Watersheds County-Wide**

Under the Growth Management Act (GMA), local jurisdictions must protect critical areas and designate natural resource lands (e.g., forest, agricultural, and mineral areas) and urban growth areas, which identify where urban growth and development may occur. The KCCP calls for managing growth in a way that minimizes negative impacts to salmon. This includes maintaining existing UGA boundaries. An EIS is needed to address the adverse impacts of the Ordinance to the rivers and watersheds within the Rural Areas and the King County Agricultural Production Districts (APDs). Four of the APDs provide fish and wildlife habitats, including threatened species habitat for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Trout. These include the Sammamish Valley APD, the North and South Snoqualmie APDs, and the Upper and Lower Green River APDs.

Commercial business development that will be made legal by the Ordinance will impact the Snoqualmie River, which meanders 43 miles from near the town of Snoqualmie to its confluence with the Skykomish River, through both the North and South Snoqualmie APDs.

The Snoqualmie River supports wild runs of Coho, Chinook, Pink, Chum and Steelhead. In the 1980's, the Snohomish watershed (which includes the Snoqualmie and Skykomish watersheds) supported one third of the wild Coho salmon entering Puget Sound on an annual basis. The overwhelming majority of chinook that return to spawn in the Snoqualmie basin belong to the Snohomish Fall chinook stock.

The Sammamish and Cedar Rivers are within WRIA 8 and are Tier 1 areas “based on watershed condition and fish use. Tier 1 areas are the highest priority habitats for protection/ restoration, and include primary spawning areas, as well as migratory and rearing corridors. The Cedar and Sammamish rivers, Bear and Issaquah creeks, and shores of lakes Lake Sammamish, are classified as Tier 1. The Cedar River is considered the highest priority Tier 1 area because it includes spawning and rearing areas for the Cedar River salmonid population, which supports the largest number of natural-origin Chinook salmon in the watershed. With its tributaries, it is also the sole spawning area for the Cedar population.” Much of the Cedar River
watershed is within the Rural Area zoning impacted by the Ordinance. (Lake Washington /Cedar/ Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan 10-year Update pg. 24)

Conclusion.

As explained above, the hydrology of the SO-120 Rural Area Buffer is not conducive to its designation in the proposed Ordinance as Demonstration Areas A and B for intense commercial development. While the effect of the Ordinance is particularly evident with respect to the Sammamish Valley, it will create significant adverse environmental impacts County-wide. An EIS is needed to determine the impacts created by the Ordinance to all Rural Areas and Agricultural Lands throughout King County.
FYI - I'd like to also include you on a letter I submitted today regarding King County Ordinance 2018-0241.

Thank you.

--------- Forwarded message ---------
From: Whitney Neugebauer <director@whalescout.org>
Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 12:28 PM
Subject: King County Ordinance 2018-0241
To: <Ty.Peterson@kingcounty.gov>

Ty Peterson,

These comments are in reference to the Sammamish Valley land use code, King County Ordinance 2018-0241 and are sent on behalf of Whale Scout, a local, Woodinville-based non-profit organization dedicated to "protecting Pacific Northwest whales through land-based conservation experiences." We've worked hard for the last six years to restore salmon habitat to ensure critical prey for endangered Southern Resident killer whales. The science is telling us that in order for orcas to survive and thrive in Puget Sound, we need to take serious measures to restore salmon habitat in inland areas. These rivers, streams, and floodplains are critical for the early life-stages of salmon and also provide spawning areas. The Sammamish River is a migration corridor for Sockeye, Coho, and most importantly, threatened Chinook salmon. Many of these fish are returning to the Issaquah hatchery. 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 developing the Sammamish Valley adding additional impervious surfaces, conditions will deteriorate further for salmon, not improve. King County has made salmon recovery a priority spending millions fixing culverts, acquiring land like at the Wayne Golf Course in the City of Bothell, and restoring floodplains. This proposed land use code is in direct conflict with those efforts. Many salmon restoration projects along the Sammamish River are already underway- undermining these efforts puts the fish at greater risk and jeopardizes the investments made in salmon recovery by tax-payers.

Just today we're hearing about another Southern Resident killer whale her calf, the very last remaining female of the so-called "baby boom," are both looking thin with a condition called "peanut head" where fat stores behind the skull are lost and their bodies look sunken in. Whales rarely recover from this condition. If these whales are both lost only 73 will remain. The conditions of these whales are directly linked to land-use practices including those in the Sammamish Valley. Whale Scout respectfully requests that full environmental reviews be conducted for this ordinance before a final decision is made. These environmental reviews need to consider impacts to the river, hydrology, runoff, salmon, and ecosystem impacts and cumulative effects.
Thank you

Whitney Neugebauer
Director,
Whale Scout

PO Box 426
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Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I'm writing because I'm concerned about Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241, the Winery Code Update. Preserving our natural spaces is critical to mitigating the effects of climate change and at the very least this zoning change should be subject to an Environmental Impact Statement so that more consideration can be given to whether this is in the best interests of our community.

Thank you,
~Neal Anderson

Sincerely,
Neal Anderson
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Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

We chose to live in Woodinville because of the rural feel of the area. The Sammamish Valley and its support of local agriculture and preservation of rural land is something we should protect and preserve. What a shame that the proposed ordinance would take this away not only for local residents but for the area as a whole. We fully support the Friends of Sammamish Valley and encourage King County Council to support their proposed changes.

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Thank you
Marja Wallach

Sincerely,
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Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 9:11 PM
To: kcexec@kingcounty.gov; Dembowski, Rod; Dunn, Reagan; von Reichbauer, Pete; Gossett, Larry; Lambert, Kathy; McDermott, Joe; Kohl-Welles, Jeanne; Upthegrove, Dave; Balducci, Claudia; Auzins, Erin; Wolf, Karen
Subject: Vote Against Beverage Ordinance File #: 2018-0241

As my representative I am requesting that you vote against this proposed ordinance. https://kingcounty.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3488987&GUID=C06F6D4A-A59E-422E-AF8B-AF39AD24762B.&FullText=1

Thank you,

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Sincerely,
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From: Robin Crowder <rbcrowder@21acres.org>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 1:14 PM
To: Auzins, Erin
Subject: The Beverage Ordinance puts King County farmers out of business

Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Sometimes the right thing is the hardest, but most important thing to do. Please have the fortitude to do what's right and protect the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District (APD).

Instead of succumbing to the loud voices from the handful of tasting rooms who are expressing concerns about their businesses, instead be firm, hold your ground and do what's right. The county is obligated to enforce regulations that protect the important legacy established years ago in the creation of the original agricultural zoning laws. The Lambert/Balducci version of the Beverage Ordinance erodes the regulations that were written and is a dangerous slippery slope which could not only put our entire Sammamish Valley APD at risk, but all the other four APD's in King County as well. This proposal takes the easy way out -- trying to make a small group of vocal wineries happy while attempting to placate farmers and at the same time brazenly jeopardizing their futures. If this ordinance is adopted, its only a matter of time before other APD's are also challenged in a similar manner.

It's just shocking that this proposal would even be considered as it is counter intuitive to King County's Local Food Initiative and other efforts to bolster farming and food security in our region. This clearly sends a message to others that the they too can disregard King County's land use regulations and zoning laws.

Please take the time to fully understand the potential negative impacts that could come from the proposed ordinance that have been so clearly laid out by the Friends of Sammamish Valley. Once you do, you'll have the strength that's need to do what's right, not just what's easy.

Sincerely,

Robin Crowder

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Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

Dear King County Council,

My name is Lori Poliski and I am a small studio florist and flower grower and I am located in Woodinville. I also buy flowers from Tonnemaker's, Cindy Thao and Thai Thao farms in Woodinville for my business. I have lived on Hollywood Hill for 22 years and have enjoyed the rural aspect of Woodinville. I have huge concerns about the KC Beverage Ordinance that is on the docket. I would invite all of you to visit some of the farms that would be impacted.

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Sincerely, Lori Poliski

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Lori Poliski
PO Box 141
Woodinville, WA 98072
Good morning Erin!

Councilmember Lambert got a call from a constituent who would like to be added to the public record on proposed ordinance 2018-0241. Here is their information:

Eleni Comnenos
Todd Lucas

15410 NE 157th St
Woodinville, WA 98072

425-949-5975

They want to be on record as being opposed to the legislation. They believe it violates the Growth Management Act and they want more studies done regarding traffic and other impacts. They are concerned that this legislation allows too much commercialization and the wineries should be concentrated in downtown Woodinville instead.

Is this sufficient to be added to the official record or do they have to do something in writing?

Thank you!

Aleks Posielski
Legislative Assistant | King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert
516 Third Ave, Room 1200 | Seattle, WA 98104
Office – 206-477-1003

This email and any response to it constitute a public record and may be subject to public disclosure.
As a longtime resident of Woodinville I see that once again unbridled commercial interests outweighing the citizenry. There is PLENTY of available commercial space in the City of Woodinville for businesses to move into without trying to erode the GMA. What is happening here is that commercial interests are seeking to move into cheaper farm land, rather than use the available more expensive available commercial space in the City of Woodinville and they plan to erode the GMA to accomplish this. This is being led by Lambert who evidently has not noticed that 202 cannot support the current traffic into Woodinville and Redmond. Woodinville has just added 3000 more units of 4 over 1 apartments and more are on the way and the endless traffic circles are NOT cutting it! What is our city council doing?

1. What traffic studies have been done to support this? Are they planning to expand 202?!
2. What evaluation has been done of available CURRENT commercial space ALREADY available to warrant this?
3. There is a lot of food being grown in the valley here which is why the GMA set this up. Who will grow your food in the future and WHERE?
4. Out of curiosity, who are Kathy Lambert's largest financial campaign contributors...bet some of them are going to directly benefit from this.

I vote and will be monitoring this.
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70 years ago I came from French North Africa, my parents were fleeing to he communist regime of Russia. I have lived on my cattle farm on the east side of Hollywood Hill for over 59 years. I have seen how over pollution can wreck havoc. We were good friends of the MacBrides, even living on Hollywood Farm when peas and corn were grown where the Sod Farm exists.

With the coming of new jobs and population comes the fear of the homeless. Where is the plan for established tent cities in King County?

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Igor Gladstone, Sr.
16511 NE 145th st
Woodinville, WA 98072
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I have my doctorate in pharmacology and biochemistry from the University of Washington. It is hard to comprehend what the Sammamish Valley will look like 100 years from now. Neither of us will be alive due to aging. Is it worth to put our area at risk to chemicals made by our tariff enemies and find these chemicals (Fentanyl, etc) polluting our very fertile Sammamish Valley? Who will be responsible for the Farm to Table dinners side effects from this pollution? Should we ask the City of Woodinville Annex this area for sewers to protect the valley?

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* You are required by law to list the commercial companies you, personally, will be offered profits. If you do not this the citizens will have the State of WA subpoena your tax records, much like President Trump is Making our country a laughing stock of the world.

Remind yourselves of when you will be up for a vote again. The community will not forget how you, Balducci and Lambert, have made our earth uninhabitable!

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16211 140th Pl NE
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FromUser: Curt Riddle

EMail: curtriddle@hotmail.com

addr1: 13606 Woodinville-Redmond Rd ne

city: Redmond

state: Washington

zip: 98052

MessageText: Dear Sirs.

As a property owner in the affected area, we are in favor of the development of an agri-tourist environment. We support the expansion of the winery tourist industry in this area. Thank you for receiving my comment.

Sincerely Curt Riddle
The Sammamish Valley is my home. I moved here for its beauty and the rural quiet and calm. This new version of the beverage ordinance will destroy all of it. We don't need strip malls and parking lots. We don't need more wine tasting rooms operating illegally. Traffic is only getting worse as it is and more commercial presence will not help that. Please don't be blinded by greedy developers, don't allow them to rape this valley. Enforce the rules as they were supposed to have been. Don't change them to make a quick buck and then leave us that live here to deal with the consequences. This doesn't just affect the Sammamish valley---it will have consequence--irreversible consequences--to many areas in King County. Don't let the farmers be pushed out by developers that are just out to make a buck. Protect our land and water. Let there be locally grown fresh foods for our children and visitors. That is part of the charm. Let there be green spaces for the next generation. Please stand up and help guarantee a green future for all.

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David & Elizabeth Epley
15704 NE 144th Pl
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I do not live in the Sammamish Valley or even in King County, so I can not vote in your next election unless you decide to run for governor.

So why do I care about your "purely local" issues and concerns?

Why does Friends of Climate Care care about your "purely local" decisions?

Because whatever you decide to do about the farmland in the Sammamish Valley and the rest of King County affects people and our common environment beyond your county.

The ripple effect of your decisions affects the rest of our region more than the rest of our state, nation and world, and that is why we have a stake in your decisions, just as you should care about whatever Whatcom County does about water quality for both the dairy cows and the salmon who live in our county.

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Keep up the good work that was started when farming first started in these lands we all share!

The whole world may not be watching when you begin debating this issue next month, but our collective grandchildren and their collective grandchildren will live in the environment and climate we hand down to them, far beyond the seventh generation.

We all want our future generations to enjoy a future environment and climate which we can all enjoy, with food we can all savor and wash down with our favorite beverages, be it red, white, or rose.

And celebrate future Memorial Days [and Ski to Sea Races] in the land of the red, white and blue.

Seriously,
PS: Friends of Climate Care shares a name eerily similar to Friends of Sammamish Valley, but we came up with those names when we were years and miles apart, so we share very similar goals but are not really affiliated in any way.

So we are "just friends", just like "Friends of the Earth".

Sincerely,
Jon Shaughnessy
Box 1892
Ferndale, WA 98248
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

The Beverage Ordinance as proposed will cause devastating and permanent destruction of our environment, due to placing commercial development in King County Rural Areas where there is no commercial infrastructure.

The County is needlessly putting at risk the loss of habitat, water quality, flood control, and farming in protected Rural Areas and Agricultural Production Districts (APDs), including the Sammamish, Snoqualmie, Green, and Cedar River areas.

The Sammamish Valley is already experiencing environmental degradation from existing commercial code violators, and rezoning this area for further commercial development will destroy the valley’s fragile ecosystem. Furthermore, the Sammamish Valley serves as a bellwether for what will happen elsewhere in rural King County. The negative impacts are:

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* Is detrimental to thousands of migrating salmon, including fish from Bear Creek and the Issaquah Hatchery, which support 137 other species including Orcas.

* Eliminates habitat for over 100 native bird and mammal species including eagles, hawks, songbirds, owls, bats, beaver and deer.

* Decreases enjoyment by thousands of users of the Sammamish Valley Regional Trail and reduces the open, rural nature of the Valley which also benefits urban residents in nearby cities.

It is absurd that a full Environmental Impact Study has not been done to inform the large scale, county-wide land use policy changes instigated by the proposed Ordinance.

Please adopt the Friends of Sammamish Valley Amended Ordinance that would protect the vital ecosystems in the Sammamish Valley and across King County, while enabling commercial development to continue to thrive in nearby Urban Areas where the proper infrastructure is already in place.
Sincerely,
Matthew Berge
14255 157th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I am a resident of King county and have lived on the 202 corridor since 2001. This legislation affects me directly.

I moved to this area because of the rural atmosphere and I would very much like it stay that way.

I have lived and moved from other locations because of overbuilding and business growth and I will fight like hell to keep what we have. Change is good, but not this change.

The needs of the many (the people who live here), outweigh the needs of the few (the developers who don’t live here and just want to build and profit from businesses that we do not need)

The Wineries we have are quaint but the buffer zones are what make them so quaint. If you let the developers overbuild, no one will come because of the overcrowding. More is not better. Quality is an important metric to measure.

Thank you for your time,
Mike Iem

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Sincerely,

Amanda Sepe
18008 176 ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Sincerely,

MARSHALL LEROY
16215 140th Pl NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Hello.
We are Adelaide and Marshall Leroy, from Alki Market Garden. We are a small, one acre farm situated in the Sammamish Valley. We have been farming on this land as a Viva Incubator since 2016. In just those three years, we have created a name for ourselves in the valley, and have brokered partnerships with several restuarants in King County. Supporting the Lambert/Balducci version of this ordinance not only hurts our livelihood, but it hurts those restaurants and businesses. You've said you don't want this to interfere with anyone's business, and if that is true, then the only way to support the Friends of Sammamish Valley amendment. Otherwise, you clearly show you don't care about "business" just wineries. Wineries and breweries who don't grow their product in the valley, and can very easily move to the urban center, where some already exist legally. We CAN'T move farmland. And once it's developed, we can't get that resource back.

Some basic facts:
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Currently, even as a one acre farm we manage to produce enough to support King County restaurants, and have multiple accounts paying $5,000 or more for produce each season. And that's just us! A tiny drop in the bucket! Providing healthy, sustainable food to our community AND contributing to it's economy as a small business.

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Foundation warming and climate change is a big, real, concern. As farmland in hotter, dryer, climates become unusable, it becomes increasingly important to protect the fertile land we have here. You cannot easily come back from this kind of land development! Fertile farmland is a limited and precious resource, that cannot be easily restored after development.

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Part of the reason people love "Woodinville Wine Country" is that it is wine COUNTRY. They come here to feel like they are a part of the beautiful, flourishing farmland that they're traveling through. If more breweries and wineries are developed on this land you are losing that beauty, and Woodinville will just become one big Wine City. And that is not appealing to anyone. But more importantly, this Ordinance threatens farmers and farms like us, small businesses who are doing the critical work of feeding the community nutrient dense, and sustainable food.

Please adopt the Friends of Sammamish Valley Amended Ordinance that would protect the APD farmlands, and small, family run businesses like us.

Sincerely,
Adelaide Leroy & Marshall Leroy
Alki Market Garden
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

I know you have received many of these emails. I agree with everything written here. There are alternatives and space for these wineries that would be legal. The negative impact far outweighs the revenue dollars generated. These people will survive this but the valley WILL NOT. Be strong and responsible care takers of our county and do not succumb to the whims of developers.

Please, please please dare to keep the valley the beautiful sweeping landscape it is. You will be remembered for it!

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13850 162nd Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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Michael Kreeger
Cell: (425) 445-2191
Other: (425) 502-5318

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Please do not place regulations that will put these local companies out of business. They have put Washington on the wine map! It is such a fun experience with people of all ages and backgrounds. These companies bring in a lot of sales for the state. Please just leave them alone!

-Katie Deschenes
To King County Government:

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- Please ensure that existing wineries that host live music are allowed to stay open to support local musicians. There are very few venues for live music on the east side of Puget Sound!

Chris Ross
206-234-4579
GO HAWKS!
Auzins, Erin

From: Communications, Comments  
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 9:45 AM  
To: Auzins, Erin  
Subject: FW: do not pass regulations in Woodinville

From: LISE THORNTON [mailto:lfthorn@comcast.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 7:36 AM  
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>  
Subject: do not pass regulations in Woodinville

Hello King County Council

I am contacting you to ask that you not pass any regulations that will affect existing wineries and tasting rooms in Woodinville and potentially put them out of business. The Sammamish Valley and Woodinville wine area is a huge draw for locals and tourists alike. King County should be passing regulations that encourage these businesses, not put them out of business.

Again, locals as well as tourists from all over the country enjoy visiting the various tasting rooms on a summer evening. Wineries and tasting rooms should be allowed to stay open at their discretion for patrons.

And the events that occur in the area are a draw as well and should be encouraged. I have personally enjoyed many summer evenings at the various wineries for years.

Why would King County want to regulate and potentially destroy thriving businesses in this area? We will never rival Napa or Sonoma, but in our small way, Washington wines are now on the map and should be encouraged. Many entrepreneurs have come out of Woodinville and should be allowed every opportunity.

So I ask you again, to please not pass any regulations that will put any tasting rooms or wineries out of business.

Regards, Lise Thornton
Dear Council Members:

I am a taxpayer and a voter. If you pass any restrictions that hamper wineries or tasting rooms, I will vote you out of office and will donate to your challengers and be a vocal advocate for your removal from office at the next opportunity. Focus on solving the homelessness and rampant crime. Don’t screw with thriving businesses and their culture and customers.

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- Please ensure that our wonderful events, many of which are farm-to-table dinners that support our local farmers, can continue to be held at our winery.

Thank you,

Greg Volland

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse any typos.
Greetings,

I am emailing in regards to the proposed zoning changes in the Woodinville/Redmond area. I live in a quite neighborhood off of highway 202. I absolutely think it’s an invasion on private homeowners to let residential areas become event centers and late night wine tasting. We purchased our home to raise our children in a safe quiet area. I have no idea why King County has let many wineries operate illegally for so many years. There’s over 100 wineries in Woodinville and plenty of spaces in legal zoning areas to provide businesses to thrive. Matthews has numerous parties, weddings and late night intoxicated people weekly frequent their winery. Right next to family homes. King County has done nothing but turn a blind eye on them and it’s WRONG! I can only guess it’s all politics and money. None of us want a band/party/event center living next door. There is a wine village going in soon that will create even more space. Please stop this from invading safe quiet neighborhoods. I don’t want drunk people driving on my street as children get off the school bus.

Thank you

Leslie Hirst
Sent from XFINITY Connect App
This asks you to please vote to keep these businesses around going forward. Many families in the surrounding area enjoy the wine tasting, food trucks and evening entertainment. These businesses are also a big draw from out of the area and out of state.

The employment opportunities also are a big positive. The Sammamish Valley is a premier wine destination in our State and the County should pass regulations that encourage these agricultural-related businesses to thrive. Please ensure that our wonderful events, many of which are farm-to-table dinners that support our local farmers, can continue to be held at various wineries.

Thank you for your support!

Paul and Kris Johnson

Woodinville
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• I grew up in Kirkland and feel shifting to a stricter ordinance would harm the area which has grown to be a local and worldwide destination.

Sincerely,
Kelly McLean
-----Original Message-----
From: Diane Ross [mailto:diane_m_ross@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 8:44 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Sammamish valley Wine tasting rooms

I am writing to encourage continued support of the wine tasting and winery venues in the Sammamish Valley. As a resident of unincorporated King County- one of the reasons I chose move here- and pay more taxes I might say- is the entertainment of the Woodinville Wine region. Losing these would affect my quality of life and housing prices as these facilities make the area!

My address is 19426 NE 179th St, Woodinville WA 98077, United States

Regards,

Diane Ross

Sent from my iPhone
To whom it may concern-

I know the council is set to vote on the future of Woodinville wineries and tasting rooms, as a Woodinville resident I would like my voice heard. Please do not pass laws that will put existing tasting rooms out of business. This is a great attraction to the city and something I thoroughly enjoy and take out of town guests to. They all comment on what a great experience and city we have. I also ask that you do not vote against regulations that prohibit wineries or tasting rooms from hosting events that bring the community together. Thank you for your time.

Michelle Steele
Please allow the small agriculturally based wineries in the Sammamish Valley to thrive and remain in business. It is important to keep these small businesses alive and thriving in this world where big business always cuts out the little guy. Please do not let Woodinviile lose these lovely small places for residents and tourists alike.

Thank you
Wendy and Robert Condrat
17145 131 st Ave NE
Woodinville WA 98072
Please stop picking on small family wineries in rural (and in general) King County. We wine lovers enjoy the ambiance and the wines these places offer. You have enough of our money in amazingly high taxes that you can't budget out now. Respectfully (only if you give these small rural wineries a break) yours
Marsha Kriney
KC Taxed-enough-already payer
Hello,

I love the wineries.

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Please ensure that existing wineries and tasting rooms are allowed to stay open so that wine lovers can enjoy their wine tasting experience on warm summer evenings or after the dinner hour.

Please ensure that our wonderful events, many of which are farm-to-table dinners that support our local farmers, can continue to be held at our winery.

Thanks,

Brad
From: Connie H [mailto:littlebeachstroller@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 5:46 PM  
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>  
Subject: Proposed regulations for winetasting in rural King County

To whom it may concern:
My friends and I have often made trips to Woodinville for winetasting. Each time we go we find an even better experience, with more wineries represented and even better quality wines. We love it, and the number of my friends that go continues to grow.

Just last night at dinner I served a wonderful bottle of wine that I picked up on my latest trip to Woodinville, and my guests said that they want to go with me on my next trip. The winetasting is a huge part of the economy, and it should be encouraged, rather than discouraged.

Please do not pass any regulations that will have a negative impact on the wineries or the winetasting experience in Woodinville or other areas of rural King county. Please ensure that existing wineries and tasting rooms are allowed to stay open so that wine lovers can enjoy their winetasting experience on warm summer evenings or after the dinner hour.

We have really enjoyed special events. Please be sure that wonderful events, including farm to table dinners that support local farmers are allowed to continue to be held at the wineries.

People come from all over for concerts, dinners, live music, and wonderful winetasting, and this is a great source of revenue for the local farmers and wineries, but also for King County taxes.

Please modify the existing proposed ordinance so that it does not negatively impact these wineries, farmers, revenues, and wonderful winetasting experiences.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.
Sincerely,
Connie Hoag
Lynden, Washington
Former Whatcom County Council member
I have been solicited by a wine tasting room we sometimes patronize to comment on the proposed ordinance. I enjoy the Woodinville tasting rooms. But I do not support converting rural/agricultural land to winery/tasting rooms. There is commercial space in the area where most of the companies located. Some chose to convert and build in spite of the rules. There is precious little agricultural land left in the area.

Chris Fosse

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Members of the King County Council:

Thank you for the consideration you spend on ordinances and issues that come across your desks. I hope that you will take special consideration when reviewing the King County Winery Ordinance that is before you. The valley where many of the wine tasting establishments and small wineries are located was once covered in agricultural farms. The continuing use of these acres for wineries, tree farms, cider presses and wine-tasting establishments uses this acreage in a vibrant and sustaining way without destroying the land with commercial buildings and apartment or residential homes. Many of these businesses are small businesses that base their success on the many cars that pass by their establishments on weeknights and weekends.

Two of the wineries that I am particularly involved with are Matthews Winery and Castillo de Feliciana Vineyard and Winery. Matthews Winery has been generous in their support of various fundraising ventures I’ve been involved in, including donations of wine tastings and wine from their vineyards. Castillo de Feliciana Vineyard and Winery has been a pleasant way to spend an hour or two tasting new vintages and talking with friends and/or my husband on many an evening or weekend. In addition, we are wine club members.

It would be a shame to see these beautiful and enterprising businesses penalized with restrictions or changes to the existing ordinances. As you are considering this ordinance, please consider also:

I support the current version (March 2019) of the Ordinance.

- Tasting Room Overlay A is located outside of the Agricultural Production District and does not threaten farms in the Sammamish Valley.
I visit the Castillo de Feliciana Tasting Room because of its beautiful scenic, rural and agricultural setting, which pairs perfectly with its Spanish style wines. I do not want to go to a warehouse to experience their quality vintages.

I love to visit the Sammamish Valley and support all the agricultural businesses there, including the Castillo de Feliciana Tasting room and the Matthews Winery. I enjoy buying produce and flowers from the farmers in the valley in the same visit. These businesses cross-pollinate from each other and should be allowed to grow, collaborate and thrive together.

King County can support the growing winery and tasting room economy and still preserve the rural character of the Sammamish Valley. I’ve been there and I see that these businesses are compatible with their neighbors.

Woodinville Wine Country is a premier destination area that provides jobs, sales tax revenue, and rural economic development. Please do not implement regulations that threaten employees and existing businesses. No existing wineries or tasting rooms should be put out of business by these new regulations.

Winery and tasting rooms should be allowed ample parking to minimize impacts on neighboring properties.

Thank you for the time you’ve taken to read my thoughts;

Sincerely,

Paige A Norman
paigenor@outlook.com
Redmond, Washington
-----Original Message-----
From: Mike [mailto:mike@markertcpa.com]
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 5:10 PM
To: Communications, Comments <council@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Wineries in Sammamish Valley

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Thank you for your support!

Best regards,
Mike

Michael L Markert, CPA
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Kirkland, WA 98034
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I'm the Conservation Chair and speaking on behalf of Eastside Audubon Society (EAS) in opposing new regulations that would relax regulations on Rural and Agricultural Lands. EAS has supported the Growth Management Act because of its protections for Rural and resource lands which are habitat for birds and wildlife.

Urban activities belong in urban settings. The county has already compromised by allowing wine making businesses using grapes from other areas of the state to exist in rural and agricultural areas. Wine making on its own has no connection to resource lands. In fact, this activity is often done in commercial warehouse districts, clearly an urban setting.

This compromise aside, the current proposal to allow for wine tasting and large events is an additional erosion of the protections of rural and resource lands afforded by the Growth Management Act and should not be allowed.

As a resident of Kirkland, my small neighborhood with the addition of new infill development, will see a doubling of the number of existing homes. I willingly accept this change because the tradeoff is preservation of Rural, Agricultural and Forest lands. It would be a breach of trust to those of us who make this contribution, to allow activities that are urban in nature to continue in these areas with protected status. Large events require the type of infrastructure that exists in urban areas.

I urge you to vote no on these proposed changes and to provide proper resources to enforce existing regulations.

Tim McGruder
Dear Supervising Legislative Analyst Erin Auzins,

June 4, 2019

Kathy Lambert
King County Councilmember

Re: Winery, Brewery and Distillery Code Proposed Ordinance

Dear Kathy,

I imagine you must sifting through hundreds of letters regarding the proposed ordinance before the council. I’d like to ask you to consider the farmers and farmland in King County, especially in the agricultural districts here in Woodinville. I know many of these farmers and write on their behalf as they practice farming right here in the Sammamish Valley.

As you know, I’ve had my Quilt Shop here in the Sammamish Valley for the last 17 years. In that time, I’ve seen the explosion of wine here at the central roundabout in Woodinville and along the neighboring districts. We’re upwards of 160 tasting rooms now in Woodinville with a new wine village in the works just across the street. I can’t imagine how this area could possibly accommodate more tasting rooms in our little neck of the woods, considering the parking nightmare and safety concerns I see every day on my way to and from the shop. From the roundabout to downtown Woodinville, there is a tragic incident just waiting to happen along the county roads. There’s no doubt that the wine business is flourishing here, but what about the farms? They are being squeezed by realtors and an industry just dying to get a hold of the land. Land that has a real purpose to feed the people of King County. Can it be any more basic than that?

The young farmers here in the valley are growing food for an ever-growing population of people like you and me, seeking farm fresh, local food using sustainable practices. Can we not balance the wine industry with an equal consideration to the farms? How lucky could we all be to enjoy the fruits of both. Please Kathy, take a strong position to support the farms and farmland here in King County. The wine industry doesn’t have any problems with growth, let’s protect our farms and farmland here in King County. I urge you consider this for our future and our children’s future too.

Thank you, Kathy,

Susan Webster
Gathering Fabric Quilt Shop
Woodinville, WA

Sincerely,
Susan Webster
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Woodinville, WA 98072