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FMP Monitoring

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Sponsor: QuinnProposed No.: 2024-0408

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

2 **2024-0408, VERSION 1**

3 On page 3, after line 45, insert:

4 "H. Farm management plans provide a pathway for environmental protection  
5 through stewardship of agricultural lands by farmers and landowners. Farm management  
6 plans provide a voluntary pathway to protect valuable resource lands through  
7 implementation of design practices, best management practices, education, and technical  
8 assistance. Farm management plans are administered through King Conservation District  
9 through a cooperative process with farmers.

10 I. King County, through the department of natural resources and parks and  
11 department of local services, retains, reviews, or approves a subset of farm management  
12 plans that are developed as a condition of participation in the public benefit rating system  
13 or use of certain agricultural development standards. The county seeks to monitor the  
14 progress and outcomes of farm management plans in order to ensure the protection of  
15 fragile ecosystems, the preservation of prime agricultural lands, and the viability of  
16 farming in King County. The council finds that having data on how farm management  
17 plans support implementation of regulatory flexibility, land conservation, and  
18 development of water quality best management practices would help to inform

monitoring, adaptive management, and future policy decisions. The council intends that the departments collect information on farm management plans, such as which properties have approved farm management plans, the date of issuance, where the farm plan was relied upon as a condition for application of a development regulation or incentives for land conservation or water quality protection, and types of best management practices applied to protect critical areas on site."

On page 118, after line 2400, insert:

"F.1. The department of natural resources and parks shall maintain an inventory of farm management plans required to be submitted, reviewed, or approved by King County as a condition of participation in the public benefit rating system, a critical area alteration related to agriculture, or agricultural and livestock development standards in K.C.C. chapter 21A.24 or K.C.C. chapter 21A.30.

2. The update to the farm management public rule in subsection C.1. of this section shall establish the procedures and the specific types of information to be collected as part of the inventory.

3. The department shall make available and update annually an aggregated summary of the inventory on the county website."

**EFFECT prepared by J. Ngo:** The amendment would:

- Add a requirement for monitoring of county-approved farm management plans.