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Re: **Draft Proposed King County Development Code WBD Ordinance**

Our Joint Team of Unincorporated Rural Area organizations (*) thanks King County Council's Local Services & Land-Use Committee Chair, Councilwoman Sarah Perry, and the full Council for taking a step back from the proposed Adult Beverage Ordinance.

We support the proposed one-year Moratorium on new Winery, Brewery, and Distillery (WBD) applications, as it will keep a festering problem from getting even worse.

Clearly, there would have been no need for the proposed moratorium, if King County simply had rescinded Ordinance 19030, dropped its appeal of the January 2022 Growth Management Hearings Board Decision, and said NO to WBD's in the Rural Areas, in perpetuity, as it should have done all along and is called for per the State Growth Management Act and *downstream* policies encompassed in PSRC *VISION 2050*, the *Countywide Planning Policies*, and the *King County Comprehensive Plan* policies.

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