

**KC Council Committee of the Whole**  
***Oral Testimonies***  
**September 24, 2024**  
**Agenda Item 10. — Briefing on the 2024 KCCP**

**Ken Konigsmark**

Good morning, my name is Ken Konigsmark, a rural resident in Councilmember Perry's district and a member of the Joint Rural Team that has analyzed and commented extensively on the **2024** Comp Plan **UPDATE**.

Joint Rural Team members are meeting with each Councilmember to review our desired **10** amendments and we urge your support for each. I want to thank Councilmember Perry and other members of the Local Services and Land Use committee for your diligent efforts thus far in updating the Comp Plan. However, there is a larger issue at play that must be addressed as part of the Comp Plan and budgeting process you now enter into. Councilmembers may not be as aware as we Rural folks are of the ongoing utter failures within Permitting and Code Enforcement to uphold all the good policies and codes that King County has painstakingly put in place over 30+ years.

The noble goals of King County and GMA are regularly undermined by wrongful permits being issued and an almost total absence of any meaningful Code Enforcement that enables abusers to violate County codes and policies with little fear of consequences. Damaging abuses are routine under policies for home occupied businesses, event centers, temporary use permits, mining, zoning and land use violations, and more. Compared to Pierce or Snohomish counties, King County's code enforcement metrics are abysmal, essentially non-existent.

The Comp Plan we all work so diligently to improve is only good if the words on paper are upheld on the ground. Like police services, Code Enforcement must be viewed as an essential public service to protect the public interest. We urge you as part of your Comp Plan and budget discussions to demand answers to how Comp Plan policies and **CODE PROVISIONS** will be monitored and enforced, how violators will be penalized, and how the culture within Permitting and Code Enforcement can be changed to ensure that King County's and the public's interests are protected far better than they are today.

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Good morning. My name is Peter Rimbo. I Coordinate the Joint Rural Team. We are comprised of nine organizations spread throughout King County’s rural lands and four rural experts who each deal with specific technical areas. I will speak on the 2024 KCCP Update.

As part of our continuing three-year effort on the Update, so far we have met with 7 of 9 council-member offices to discuss and seek sponsorship of our proposed Line Amendments.

These include: Agricultural & Forestry Product Processing; Urban-Serving Facilities in the Rural Area; Home Occupations & Industries; Materials Processing Facilities; Mineral Extraction; Neighborhood Business Zones; and TUPs & CUPs.

For some of these “one-on-one” discussions we were joined by Futurewise and the Sierra Club, who both strongly support our proposed Line Amendments.

We believe these meetings have been useful to you, as we received very favorable responses—thank you.

Finally, we wish to thank Councilwoman Perry, who chairs the Local Services Committee, for conducting a very open process in handling the Update. We provided the committee over 40 Oral Testimonies, which supplemented our many detailed Written Comments.

Please continue to consider sponsoring our proposed Line Amendments. Thank you.