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The City of Sammamish recently learned that the streets within the Inglewood plat<sup>1</sup> (see *enclosed map*) were never formally opened to the public. Due to Washington State statutes dating back to 1889, this means roads within the Inglewood neighborhood are privately owned and therefore the City cannot continue to maintain them. To manage expectations and be clear: the City has no choice but to cease maintenance of and enforcement on Inglewood's roads by the end of June. State law prohibits the use of public funds for maintaining private roads. In addition, without public ownership, the City does not have the authority to maintain these roads. **Because of this, the City will cease maintenance of roads within the Inglewood plat on June 30, 2025.**

**The City will host a public meeting for the Inglewood neighborhood on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.** This will be an opportunity for Inglewood residents to learn more about the historical statutes and the laws that require this outcome and ask questions. At the meeting we will review services that the City can no longer perform, such as vegetation management, street sweeping, plowing during snow and ice, pothole repair, ditch maintenance, parking enforcement, etc.

We recognize this information may be unexpected, and perhaps disappointing, particularly since the City has maintained these roads since taking over from King County in 1999. From what we can ascertain today, the City assumed maintenance of roads that the County had taken care of prior to incorporation. However, now that this issue has surfaced and as stewards of public funds, the City cannot continue to maintain private roads.

The City's website has been updated to include information on this issue, as well as Frequently Asked Questions. Visit **[Sammamish.us/Inglewood](http://Sammamish.us/Inglewood)** for more information, as well as a link to submit questions. Again, we realize this information may be an unpleasant surprise and will have impacts on the entire neighborhood starting on July 1, 2025.

Please join us on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall for a conversation with the Inglewood neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrie Starsy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Audrie Starsy  
Public Works Director

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<sup>1</sup> RCW 58.17.020(2) defines the term "Plat" to mean "a map or representation of a subdivision, showing thereon the division of a tract or parcel of land into lots, blocks, streets and alleys, or other divisions and dedications."

