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7. Good afternoon Mayor Scully and Councilmembers:
On behalf of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties (MBAKS), I'm writing to comment on item 9(a) on tonight's City Council agenda. MBAKS supports the staff's recommendation Option 1: Amend SMC Section 13.20.040 so that overhead temporary construction power is allowed to be installed and not prohibited by the SMC.
Timing for development projects is critical, and delays risk feasibility and new homes coming to market. Disruptions are costly and exacerbate an already crisis level of housing supply. MBAKS December Builders Bulletin shows a severe shortage of housing inventory for our region:
 - King County had 0.27 months' (about 1 week) supply of inventory (down from 0.63 months' of inventory a year ago).
 - Snohomish County had 0.20 months' (less than 1 week) supply of inventory (down from 0.26 a year ago).Many industry analysts consider a four-to-six-month level as an indicator of a healthy market. Year over year, months of supply dropped 59% in King County and 37% in Snohomish County.
In recent months, with so many variables driving up the cost of construction including raw material shortages, supply chain issues, lumber prices, the concrete strike and labor shortages, don't add this to the growing list.
MBAKS appreciates the City's forward-thinking approach to development in the Mixed Use Residential Zones and urges your support of the staff recommendation to not delay, and create an exemption to allow these public and private projects to advance without disruption.
Thank you for your consideration of our comments.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Anderson
8. (o) Support

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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