



## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #000092 080107**

### **INTERPRETATION OF DEVELOPMENT CODE**

#### **CODE SECTIONS: SMC 20.50.310.A.1**

Director's designee pursuant to the authority of SMC 20.50.310.A.1.b for purposes of administration of the entirety of SMC 20.50.310A.1

#### **FINDINGS**

On July 24, 2006, the Shoreline City Council adopted Ordinance No. 434, which amended the provisions in the Shoreline Municipal Code amending SMC 20.50.310 regarding exemptions from permit requirements for hazardous trees. The Ordinance was published and took effect on August 1, 2006.

SMC 20.50.310.A provides that certain activities are "exempt from the provisions of this subchapter and do not require a permit." Among those activities are situations involving "Emergency situation(s) on private property involving danger to life or property or substantial fire hazards" SMC 20.50.310.A.1. The purpose section of the exemptions under subparagraph 1 states:

Retention of significant trees and vegetation is necessary in order to utilize natural systems to control surface water runoff, reduce erosion and associated water quality impacts, reduce the risk of floods and landslides, maintain fish and wildlife habitat and preserve the City's natural, wooded character. Nevertheless, when certain trees become unstable or damaged, they may constitute a hazard requiring cutting in whole or part. Therefore, it is the purpose of this section to provide a reasonable and effective mechanism to minimize the risk to human health and property, while preventing needless loss of healthy, significant trees and vegetation especially in critical areas and their buffers.

SMC 20.50.310.A.1.b provides: "For purpose of this section, "Director" means the Director of the Department of Planning and Development Services and his or her designee."

**CONCLUSIONS AND DECISION:**

In order to provide for effective and timely review and administration of proposed exemptions under SMC 20.50.310.A, the “Director” or his/her designee must be available at all times.

For those hours during the normal work week (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) when the undersigned is present at City Hall, I shall perform the duties required in SMC 20.50.310.A.

For any other hours of the normal work week (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) when I am not present at City Hall, I designate Assistant Director Rachael Markle as my designee to perform the duties required of the “Director” under SMC 20.50.310.A. If Ms. Markle is not available, I designate Building Official Ray Allshouse as my designee. When neither Ms. Markle nor Mr. Allshouse are available, my designee is the member of the City’s Customer Response Team on call at 206-546-1700.

For any hours outside the normal work week (including evenings, weekend, and holidays), my designee is the member of the City’s Customer Response Team on call at 206-546-1700.

*original signed by Joe Tovar 080206*

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Director’s Signature

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Date