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I would like to submit the following as public comment:

My wife Michelle and I have lived at 15224 Dayton Ave N for 29 years and 16 years respectively, and we are appalled by the absolutely unnecessary clear cutting of trees on lots in advance of development. When this house was constructed in 1988, three large trees were left in the front yard and numerous others throughout the property, and all of those are still standing. The same could easily have been done in each and every development on Dayton, Greenwood and most other surrounding streets in the Highland Terrace neighborhood.

A more responsible and considerate removal of ONLY THE TREES THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED for the footprints of the houses and access has been proven to result in beautiful properties that add to the value of the neighborhood on every level (for example, the two homes built at 15150 and 15160 Dayton Ave N ten years ago *right next door to the current development*). The developers of those properties left a good number of trees, and yet built fine homes that allow a fit to the character of the neighborhood that the current construction will not equal for *decades*. And all the while, the trees on surrounding properties were shielded by the wooded surroundings as nature intended and common sense and responsible management of development must require.

The fact that only ONE permit has been issued for such massive destruction of our tree canopy at 15208 and 15214 adds insult to injury and makes me understand that the City of Shoreline simply doesn't get it when it comes to the importance of our neighborhood character. If a developer wants to build here, they should be required to disrupt as little as possible. The removal of EACH AND EVERY TREE must be demonstrated as necessary or not permitted regardless of arbitrary equations! Anything less is an abrogation of the city's responsibility.

When multiple lots at 15222 Greenwood Ave N were clear cut on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, only to be left barren until home construction FINALLY started three years and at least two owners later, those of us in this neighborhood put up with blown dust, interrupted construction and a scabrous blight in the midst of beautiful, tree-lined streets, and that project seems far from complete even now, almost four years later. Oh, and still no trees planted to replace the over two dozen significant trees that were removed, as if that were truly an effective solution in any but the longest terms.

It's somewhere between ironic and laughable that the logo of the City of Shoreline is three trees!

When any property in this or any similar neighborhood in Shoreline is purchased, the prospective

owner **MUST** accept that they will be building among trees throughout the property, and only those absolutely necessary will be permitted to be cut. If that's inconvenient, BUY AND BUILD SOMEWHERE ELSE.

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