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To: [City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tonight's Agenda Item 8(b) Ordinance 789
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Dear City Council Members:

This comment pertains to Amendment #25, 20.50.310 Exemptions from Permit.

I am baffled by the proposed striking of Section One, Statement of Purpose, in its entirety, while no new statement of purpose has been added. This existing statement of purpose is completely valid and makes good sense, and these kinds of guiding parameters help keep the anticipated process clear to all parties. Exactly what is the proposed new purpose of the Exemptions section, and why isn't it clearly stated as now? There is no clear need to remove anything from Section One.

As you yourselves are fully aware, instituting tree regulations is a very arduous process. Nevertheless, in Section Five (Proposed Section Four) a blanket roll-back is being proposed for a class of property that consumes more infrastructure resources than many others. How can this be? What master is being served here?

Please reconsider these proposed changes. Diligence rather than blanket giveaways will serve this city best in the long run.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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