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I love trees. It was an important factor in my decision to move to Shoreline. Then Shoreline became a city. Populations grow, neighborhoods change and landscapes change regardless of our personal preferences.

Individual homeowners cut down trees all of the time. Some of the trees are diseased, some have grown too large for their location, some people fear they will fall and damage their house during a windstorm, or tree roots buckled the driveway. Maybe the homeowners just want more sunlight. Or to preserve a view.

The City has to cut down trees as well. For some of the same reasons: disease, size, location, property damage including buckled sidewalks. Maybe one of these reasons should be: in order to build affordable housing.

To build Affordable Housing, developers still need to make a reasonable profit. A developer of Affordable Housing cannot build a custom design building and still expect to make a profit. And that means that a developer cannot build around existing trees on a lot. They must use a standard design. Materials may differ but the footprint will not. If the "standard design" used is rectangular and small firs form a copse in the middle of the lot, the developer cannot afford to redesign his building to encircle the trees. Incentives or not, it will not be cost effective to custom design Affordable Housing.

I would suggest that an exemption to MUR 70 for tree retention apply only to Affordable Housing.

8. Oppose

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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