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After hearing the dire predictions and insufficient results of the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, the City of Shoreline needs to step up and make changes that will benefit our neighborhoods and the earth itself. The Tree Code Amendments that were proposed in 2020 need to be seriously considered and not put off until next year. The City of Shoreline and its citizens must do everything possible to reduce global warming. One set of proposals is to leave in place all possible mature conifers and other trees that will continue to reduce heat islands now and contribute our efforts to reduce global warming for the earth. Last summer, we experienced record high temperatures and recently witnessed the extreme rain and wind storms that devastated western Washington. These are clearly the result of climate change.

I support the proposed Tree Code Amendments as submitted in 2020 by the Tree Preservation Code Team. Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan encourages citizens to be involved with City decisions as stated:

Framework Goal 10: Respect neighborhood character and engage the community in decisions that affect them...
Framework Goal 11: Make timely and transparent decisions that respect community input...

The Comprehensive Plan policies encourage the "protection of Significant Trees" for the benefit of our city-wide community. And, Community Design Policy CD37: "Minimize the removal of existing vegetation, especially mature trees, when improving streets or developing property..."

Let us here in Shoreline do everything we can to reduce global warming and that includes asking the Shoreline staff to support and set up positive changes to preserve our trees.

Sincerely, Ann M. Bates, Ph.D.
Resident of Shoreline