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"Nancy Morris -City of Shoreline,

On Behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team

Amendment 7. SMC 20.50.310(B)(1). Exemptions from permit - partial exemptions.

As proposed in this revision to existing Shoreline municipal code:

Every 3 years: the removal of 3 significant trees per 7200 square feet plus one tree removal each additional 7200 square feet up to one acre. After one acre there is a graduated removal of trees. See chart on Staff Attachment A, page 16.

Per the Tree Preservation Code Team original justification, this amendment is proposed to preserve and maintain Shoreline's urban tree canopy. Some of the larger tracts of land in Shoreline have wide belts of contiguous tree canopy providing the multi-benefits of trees and habitat for urban wildlife.

Current SMC 20.50.310 allows large property owners, like the Seattle Golf Club, to remove a surprising 900 plus Significant trees every three years; this computation is confirmed by City Staff.

Although, we appreciate and concur with Staff's comment to equitably treat and respect Shoreline's private property owners' rights, the intent of proposed Amendment 7 is the preservation of the City's urban tree canopy. Despite plantings of new trees to counter the removal of mature trees, there remains the effectiveness and attributes of mature trees. Given the present and increasing climate crisis, already causing catastrophic damage, preserving all existing tree canopies must be a definite priority and is in the best interest of citizens. Thank you."

Regards,
Nancy Morris
Shoreline, WA resident