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Amendment 7. SMC 20.50.310.B.1. Exemptions from permit.

Proposed code revision: *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 table on Staff Attachment A, page 14.*

Amendment 7 is proposed to preserve Shoreline's urban tree canopy. Please refer to the map Staff provided showing the larger tracts of land in Shoreline. These properties have wide belts of contiguous tree canopy providing the benefits of trees and habitat for urban wildlife. Trees that are so important during current climate conditions. Trees that lower temperatures in the summer and clean the air; trees that maintain stormwater during rainy seasons.

According to the current SMC 20.50.310.B.1, large property owners, and there are many, are allowed to remove hundreds of Significant trees every three years. The Seattle Golf Club can remove 939 trees, Shoreline Community College can remove 483 trees, and Ballinger Commons can remove 468 Significant trees every three years.

While we concur with Staff regarding equitable treatment of Shoreline's property owners, the intent of proposed Amendment 7 is to balance respect with the preservation of Shoreline's urban tree canopy.

We ask the Planning Commission to recommend Amendment 7.

Thank you.