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Amendment 2. Item 6.

SMC 20.20.048 Significant Tree Definition

The Tree Preservation Code Team confirms submission of the definition of Significant Tree:

Any healthy tree six inches or greater in diameter at breast height (dbh) excluding those trees that qualify for complete exemptions...

Justification: Our amendment brings Shoreline into agreement with most of the region by providing protection for more conifer and native trees.

As researched by City Staff and the Code Team, adjacent jurisdictions define Significant trees in their municipal codes by the six inch dbh - including Edmonds, Lake Forest Park, Lynwood, Redmond, Kirkland, Woodinville, Issaquah, Snohomish, and Bellingham.

Plus, as mentioned on November 18, the City of Shoreline already defines public right-of-way trees by the six inch dbh metric.

We ask the Planning Commission recommend Amendment 2, Item 6. Recommend the 6" dbh measurement for Significant trees in Shoreline, aligning it with regional jurisdictions as cited. And, it makes sense to have both the private tree measurement agree with the 6" dbh public tree measurement. Thank you.