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Kathleen Russell  
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My comment this evening is clarification regarding proposed tree code **Amendment 6** which extends protection to trees that are located on new multi-family, MUR-35' and MUR-45' construction sites. This code provides stop work orders and penalties if there is injury to retained trees.

In reviewing the 12/2/21 meeting minutes, first paragraph on page 4: "Staff does not support applying those penalties to removing small trees, shrubs or landscaping on a typical single-family lot." The Code Team wants to clarify this code is not about a "typical single-family lot". The Code Team asks Staff for guidance in appropriate language to designate the zones: new multi-family, MUR-35 and MUR-45. Also, in paragraph 3, Staff states regarding items L and M: "It is not recommended to be included for every property in Shoreline". The Code Team emphasizes this proposed code does not apply to every property in Shoreline.

An example of a MUR-35 zone project is the new Pulte "5 Degrees" in Parkwood where 70 townhouses will be built. Sixty-seven Significant trees will be removed. In the future, this proposed code would provide protection of the 19 trees to be retained.

The penalties of injury or removal of \$3000 per non-Significant tree and \$9000 per Significant tree are already in code.

Amendment 6 including L1, M1, and M2 is important to protect trees on the numerous construction sites in Shoreline, not just critical areas. Per Staff, such incidents do not happen often. Therefore, it seems this code would not be a burden to Staff work load.

Thank you, Chair Mork, for leading the tree code discussion up to this point and best wishes as you transition to Council. We look forward to again addressing the Planning Commission regarding the proposed tree code amendments in January. Thank you.