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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: [Save Shoreline Trees] FW: Comments re: proposed tree code amendments on Jan. 6, 2022, agenda

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Dear Planning Commission:

We at Shoreline Preservation Society want to be on the record in thorough agreement with Ramona Gault and Save Shoreline Trees, and the points she's made to improve our Tree Code and better preserve our Urban Forest and prevent impacts to our Climate, Water and Air Quality and Quality of Life.

We urge you to fight for these improvements.

Polling has recently shown that voters in our region strongly support tree protection.

Thank you.

Janet Way, Chair  
Shoreline Preservation Society

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**From:** Ramona Gault <sheepyspinner@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 10:48 AM  
**To:** <plancom@shorelinewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Comments re: proposed tree code amendments on Jan. 6, 2022, agenda

Dear Planning Commission members and pertinent officials:

Per the Comprehensive Plan (CP1), the City is directed to “encourage and facilitate public participation in appropriate planning processes.” Therefore, I urge you to adopt the proposed TREE CODE AMENDMENTS without delay. As a resident of Shoreline, every day I see our city lose valuable trees, while climate change proceeds at a frightening pace. We need to be much more proactive about retaining mature trees, which take many decades to grow.

Specifically, these proposed tree code amendments:

- are not drastic and are in keeping with many of the tree codes of surrounding jurisdictions
- align Shoreline code (SMC) with environmental interests
- will protect more of Shoreline trees in the future
- are equitable and do not favor one property over another
- will help mitigate climate emergencies and deaths from "heat domes." Science affirms that trees lower urban temperatures.
- are in the best interest of Shoreline citizens (benefits of trees, carbon capture, health of residents, beauty, value)
- communicate that the City of Shoreline values trees
- agree with the direction in the Comprehensive Plan, Element 6, Natural Environment Goal NE X: “Maintain and improve the city’s tree canopy.”

These proposed codes only apply to residential (with one exception in Amendment 6), MUR-35, and MUR-45 zones. These proposed tree codes do not apply to the 7 zones of major development in Shoreline including CB, NB, MB, TC 1-2-3, MJR-70. All trees can be removed from these 7 zones.

As stated in the *2020 Green Shoreline* publication: “Protecting, enhancing, and maintaining the trees that comprise Shoreline’s urban forest – in neighborhoods, urban areas and parks – is critical to the health and welfare of the citizens of Shoreline and will have a positive impact on the entire region.”

Yours in keeping our future green & our air breathable,

Ramona Gault

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