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To whom it may concern: I had received an acknowledgement of registration to speak, was monitoring the meeting 1/6/22 but was not called on. The following is my comment.

Bill Turner
City of Shoreline
On behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team

Amendment 2. SMC 20.20.048 Significant Tree Definition: measurement of 6" diameter breast height (dbh).

The cities of Edmonds, Redmond, Issaquah, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Kirkland, Woodinville, Snohomish, Bellingham and Seattle have defined 6" diameter breast height (dbh) for their Significant Trees. Shoreline's own code definition for Significant public street trees is 6" dbh. Unfortunately, Bothell's Significant 8" dbh has been cited as an example. What was not mentioned is that Bothell is not a city to align with in terms of regard for trees. Bothell is sadly behind the times in tree protection.

The Tree Preservation Code Team is joined by the Citizens Advisory Group for Tree Recommendations in recommending the 6" dbh for the definition of Significant trees. This group submitted research to the Planning Commission on November 18, mapping the adjacent jurisdictions participating in this definition.

On Attachment C, page 6 of tonight's study guide, Staff agrees the 6" dbh will be beneficial for developers. This will also require more replacement trees which will be assets for Shoreline's tree canopy.

This code was submitted to the City in November 2020, over a year ago. There has been time for public comments to be made at three Planning Commission meetings, and time for additional research to be presented. The stipulation of 6" dbh for Significant tree definition by multiple adjacent jurisdictions, and the recommendations of the Tree Preservation Code Team, and the Citizens Advisory Group, are all reasons for the Planning Commission to recommend the 6" measurement to the City Council. Thank you.