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Dear Council Member:

On Monday, March 21, you will review the tree codes presented by the Tree Preservation Code Team and make final decisions whether to approve them. I urge you to support the following proposed tree codes:

- 6" Significant tree definition and 24" Landmark tree definition mean more trees will mature and store carbon;
- penalties for injury to trees at development sites;
- provide incentives to developers to save more trees;
- remove Director authority to "waive or reduce" tree retention and tree replacement code requirements, except on R-4 and R-6 zones;
- ensure that tree removal on large properties is subject to tree codes.

The proposed tree codes:

- preserve and protect trees on development sites that are occurring in many Shoreline neighborhoods
- apply to MUR-35' and MUR-45' zones, along with residential (with some exceptions)

These proposed tree codes offer a balance to the Shoreline Municipal Code that allows all trees to be removed on seven (7) zones: CB, NB, MB, MUR-70, TC 1-2-3.

In the introduction to the Comprehensive Plan, Vision 2029, page 5, it is stated: "*Community involvement in planning and opportunities for input are vital to shaping the future...*"

The Tree Code Preservation Team worked hard on these proposed codes. I believe they will go a long way to save our existing mature trees in Shoreline, which we are losing at an alarming rate to development. Development is going to happen, but we residents insist that it can be done in ways that preserve Shoreline's irreplaceable tree cover.

Thank you.

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