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To City Councilmembers,

This evening, please approve the 6" dbh significant tree measurement and the requirement of a permit to remove trees 24" dbh and larger; and, eliminate Director authority to waive and reduce tree retention and tree replacements. We ask you to approve the cap on tree removal on private properties over an acre as submitted by TPCT. These tree codes apply to residential, MUR-35', MUR-45' and Town Center zones only. These proposed codes do not apply to the 7 zones in Shoreline where all of the trees can be removed and no replacement trees are required including CB, NB, MB, MUR-70', TC 1-2-3.

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In addition, we ask you to approve the penalties as submitted, already in code for critical areas and buffers, for trees injured beyond repair at construction sites on R8 thru R-48, MUR-35, MUR-45, and TC-4.

**Response to Staff Concerns about 6" dbh and 24" dbh code amendments**

These tree codes were submitted to Staff in November 2020 and Staff has had this time to study but if more time is needed or if you have concerns regarding the 6" dbh definition, and the permit requirement for removal of trees 24" dbh and larger tree, **please approve these tree code amendments on an interim basis of one year** while Staff studies and returns to Council with a recommendation by March 31, 2023.

We need to protect trees in Shoreline **now** to balance the hundreds of trees being cut down for housing and transportation projects and to respond to the immediate climate emergency.

We are hopeful that Council will support our neighborhood trees by approving the tree code amendments before you this evening.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Russell

Tree Preservation Code Team/Communications