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Dear Council Member,

Re Proposed Code. SMC Chapter 12.30 Public Tree Management

TPCT supports sidewalk, housing and transportation projects AND asks for timely information and transparency about removal of public trees.

Please approve this code proposed in Nov. 2020 by TPCT and recommended by the PRCS/Tree Board (6 for, 1 abstention) for 45 days notice by placards on public trees (other than hazardous trees) prior to removal and for other notice as specified in the code. This is an important transparency measure with the public about public assets that is in line with the Comprehensive Plan: “elected officials and staff strive for efficiency, transparency and consistency to ensure effective and responsive governance. . .” It is shocking to citizens to have right-of-way trees removed without being informed adequately in advance; having the information engenders trust and citizen participation.

Respectfully,

Barbara Johnstone, Shoreline resident and homeowner