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To Mayor Scully, Deputy Mayor Robertson, CMs McConnell, Mork, Pobee, Ramsdell and Roberts.

As citizens and taxpayers in Shoreline we are the owners of the ROW trees within our city limits. We have the right to know when these trees are going to be removed. It may seem like a small, unimportant request however, transparency is critical to maintaining the trust of the residents who live here. Today we are asking for this transparency to be confirmed through code. Please inform citizens about public tree removal.

Shoreline is known for its tree canopy but residents are concerned about the loss of trees.

Please support the Chapter 12.30 Public Tree Management additional code provision proposed by citizens:

1. Place placards on public trees **45 days in advance of removal**. *TPCT agrees with 45 days after hearing the Tree Board discussion.*
2. Post list of public tree removal and arborist report on the City's website as a dedicated page.
3. Provide this Information in *Currents*.
4. Email residents who request advance notification of public tree removal. (Auto-email)
5. Notification placard posted on trees shall include posting date, date of tree removal, City contact, phone number and email.
6. Public may provide concerns to the Director of Planning and Director can 1) postpone tree removal 2) request arborist review 3) proceed with removal.

Reason for this proposed code:

Transparency. Public trees are public assets and we, the public, have the right to be informed in advance of public tree removal.

Thank you for supporting citizen revisions to SMC Chapter 12.30.

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