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To Mayor Scully and Councilmembers,

As I understand, Council can ask staff for language to include the retention of 10% trees in the revised code regulations for MUR-70' buildings. Currently according to code, 10% of on-site trees have to be retained on MUR-80' sites but there is zero tree retention required for MUR-70' sites. Please ask staff to provide language so that on June 27, when [Ordinance 968](#) returns to Council, there is language to consider for the 10% retention of trees on MUR-70' sites.

There has been considerable conversation that the tree canopy in Shoreline will be maintained by replacement trees. However, on all of the 7 zones where none of the trees have to be retained including CB, NB, MB, MUR-70', TC 1-2-3, *no replacement trees* are required. If the trees on these zones do not have to be retained and no replacement trees are required then the tree canopy on 20% of the property in Shoreline has no tree protection.

Ordinance 968 is an opportunity to save a few more trees. For example, on "The Line" site in Parkwood, just east of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, on NE 145<sup>th</sup>, which is zoned MUR-70', 23 significant trees were removed and more than half of the trees cut down were 24" dbh and over. If the developer had to retain 10% significant trees this would have been two trees. Two trees – but at least some tree retention. *(See the screen shot below of the large trees removed on "The Line" site.)*

Please do not wait to make a code change until all of the trees on MUR-70' sites are cut down.

Thank you,

Kathleen Russell  
Tree Preservation Code Team/Communications

Source: Landscape Information Plan "The Line"

### EXISTING ONSITE TREE REMOVAL SCHEDULE

TREE NO.	SIGNIFICANT TREES SPECIES TO BE REMOVED	D.B.H. (IN.)	QTY. TREE REPLACEMENT (NOT APPLICABLE, PER SMC 20.50.310)
21	DOUG FIR	24	-
22	DOUG FIR	32	-
23	DECIDUOUS	8	-
24	DECIDUOUS	8	-
25	CEDAR	32	-
26	DECIDUOUS CLUMP	36	-
27	CEDAR	32	-
28	CEDAR	12	-
29	DECIDUOUS CLUMP	55	-
30	DECIDUOUS	24	-
31	DECIDUOUS	24	-
32	DECIDUOUS	28	-
33	DECIDUOUS	20	-
34	DOUGLAS FIR	20	-
35	DOUGLAS FIR	32	-
36	PINE	18	-
37	DECIDUOUS	18	-
38	DECIDUOUS	40	-
39	DOUG FIR	32	-
40	CEDAR	24	-
41	DECIDUOUS CLUMP	30	-
42	PINE	14	-
43	CEDAR	4	-