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I would like to ask the council to please take the opportunity to pause and consider the implications of recent state and local legislation and ordinances around development.

The state middle housing bills are proceeding without explicit allowance for affordable housing, the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties (MBAKS) is actively lobbying cities for exceptions to projects, and enforcement is stretched thin and arguably ignored by developers because the penalties are, frankly, weak.

Shoreline adopted Ordinance 975 in November 2022, which states *“Develop regulations to maintain and increase Shoreline’s urban tree canopy with the goal of encouraging tree retention and protection while also increasing housing opportunities and choice.”*

This so recent that we don't have any data to judge new exceptions against. Now, the state regulations are adding yet another factor that will affect our city ordinance.

Again, I encourage the Council to consider a pause to allowing exceptions, new ordinances, or actions by developers that further complicate evaluating the interplay between recently adopted ordinances and legislation.

Sincerely,
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Shoreline resident

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