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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Council Meeting on 5/22/23; please approve amendments 8, 9, 10, 19
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To City Council,

Per Shoreline's current code, 100% of the significant trees can be cut down on 7 commercial and development zones; AND 75% of the significant trees can be cut down on residential/cottage/middle housing zones. Additionally, there are no protections for trees 24" DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) and larger.

Please demonstrate your commitment to Shoreline's [Ordinance 975](#) approved by Council on November 28, 2022, including Land Use Policy 5:

"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."

I encourage you to approve tree code amendments 8, 9, 10, 19:

Amendment 8: Protect critical areas.

Critical areas are named as such for a reason. They provide irreplaceable habitat and protect unstable areas from increased risks to nearby people and properties.

Amendment 9: Trees 24" DBH and larger require tree replacements.

These trees provide greater benefits simply by their size alone and should be protected to aid diversification of our urban canopy with their age and proven survival successes. They will also allow Shoreline to maintain some semblance of a treed skyline.

Amendment 10:

- o a) Retain 35% of significant trees on residential/cottage/middle housing zones. (Current code is 25%.)
- o b) 24" DBH or larger tree(s) may not be removed unless hazardous or dead, as declared by a certified arborist.
- o c) If the Director approves the removal of a 24" DBH or larger tree, a fee in lieu must be paid to the City Tree Fund: \$9000 for 24" to 30" DBH tree; \$15,000 for trees 30" DBH and larger tree. (These fees are currently in tree code regulations, [20.50.300.H.5](#))

I request that all fees paid to the City must be paid to the City Tree Fund and all funds spent from the fund be tracked on a tree by tree basis.

Amendment 19 as a companion to Amendment 10, not in lieu of it.

Remove proposed tree incentives. Allow developers to reduce payment of 30% park impact fees for every 24" DBH or larger tree retained, up to 90% reduction.

Thank you for your attention to these important amendments.

always,

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