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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,

Again, I'm asking you to make sure our trees and environment are not destroyed by over development, and developers who have no care for our city.

Best regards,

Tina Carter

Please consider 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.”

Please approve tree code amendments 8, 9, 10, 19:

- Amendment 8: Protect critical areas.
- Amendment 9: Trees 24” DBH and larger require tree replacements.
- Amendment 10:
 - a) Retain 35% of significant trees on residential/cottage/middle housing zones. (Current code is 25%.)
 - b) 24” DBH or larger tree(s) may not be removed unless hazardous or dead, as declared by a certified arborist.
 - 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](#))
- Amendment 19: 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. (Approve as companion to Amendment 10, not instead of Amendment 10.)

Example of Amendment 19 as a companion to Amendment 10: A developer could take a reduction of 90% of park impact fees for retaining three 24” DBH or larger trees; and, if a developer

wants to remove an additional 24" DBH or larger tree(s), allowable with the Director's permission, fees as defined in Amendment 10 must be paid to the City Tree Fund.

Note: It is currently stated in code that the Director has the prerogative to waive tree regulations, see [Exception 20.50.360 \(C\) b.i,ii,iii,iv.](#)

These proposed tree codes will help preserve the tree canopy in Shoreline while also increasing housing opportunities.

I understand Staff will refine proposed language for municipal code.

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