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The City has been dragging it's heels on revisions to the tree code. As residents of SE Portland, we are losing canopy at an alarming rate.

People are dying from heat islands while the City fiddles away time. I was involved in the Eastmoreland Redwoods action, furthering some needed changes in the tree code. That was 7 yrs ago. Further progress has not occurred. Though the City had made promises to move expeditiously, it hasn't.

As a Citizen entity you can draft a letter to Council to keep its word. It shouldn't take almost 10 yrs for a real review to happen. But that's the plan, another 2 yrs from now. City talks a good line about the importance of trees...but that's all it is.

It's high time that Portland quits giving lip service to the issue. trees need to be put on par with utilities and development..over and over they are relegated to being an afterthought..an amenity..rather than a critical part of a good quality of life.

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