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# Proposed Amendments to Title 11, Trees Portland City Council October 5, 2022

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# Trees provide vital environmental and public health services:





- Absorb greenhouse gases and improve air quality
- Reduce extreme heat events
- Sequester and store carbon
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Provide wildlife habitat
- Slow vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety
- Improve physical and mental health outcomes





# Title 11, City Tree Code

- Adopted by Council in 2011
- Implemented in 2015

	Development	Non-Development
<b>Private Trees</b>	 <p><b>Bureau of Development Services</b> <small>FROM CONCEPT TO CONSTRUCTION</small></p>	 <p><b>PORTLAND PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b><sup>SM</sup> Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland</p>
<b>Street &amp; City Trees</b>	 <p><b>PORTLAND PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b><sup>SM</sup> Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland</p>	 <p><b>PORTLAND PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b><sup>SM</sup> Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland</p>





## Recent Background

- October 2020: Title 11 Amendments
- January 2020: Council Resolution 37473 directed PP&R, BDS, and BPS to develop a scope of work to strengthen Title 11.
- May 2021: PP&R presented multi-phase project to update Title 11 and Portland's Urban Forest Management Plan





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# Project Overview

## Phase 1 (2021 – 2022)

Technical & Minor Policy amendments

## Phase 2 (2022 – 2024)

Urban Forest Management  
Plan (UFMP) update

## Phase 3 (2024 – 2025)

UFMP-informed amendments







## Phase 1 Amendment Project Goals:

- Address technical and minor policy updates with existing staff resources
- Improve management of urban forest
- Improve clarity and efficiency
- Minimize impact to partner bureaus, permit customers, or regulatory process
- Early and continuous engagement with partner bureaus for support and transparency



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# Stakeholder and Community Review

- BDS, BES, BPS, PWB, PBOT, PF&R
- Urban Forestry Commission (Public Hearing)
- Planning & Sustainability Commission (Public Hearing)
- Development Review Advisory Committee (Briefing)
- Public comment
- Council staff briefings





# Phase 1 Amendments

Package of 35 high priority updates

Better management of our urban forest:

- Clarity (16)
- Alignment with current practice (9)
- Alignment with other City Codes or policies (4)
- Correcting Errors (3)
- Improving equity (2)
- Avoiding negative outcomes (1)





# Clarification

## #1 Recognize Trees as Green Infrastructure

Communicates value of urban canopy and function within the urban environment in Purpose section of Title 11 (11.50.010), consistent with:

- [Ordinance 184522](#): Implements Title 11
- [City of Portland Climate Emergency Declaration](#)





# Alignment with current practice



## #6 Add administrative review step to tree permit appeal process

Amends 11.30.040 to detail current practice of administrative review prior to Appeals Board Hearing.

- Similar to existing language in other city codes
- Improves efficiency of process, provides clarity, and sets expectations



# Align with other City Codes

## #40 Update T11 development type definitions to match Title 33

Aligns Title 11's definition of multi-dwelling residential with changes implemented in the Residential Infill Projects.







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# Equity

## #41 Remove "without compensation" from UFC section

Amends 11.20.020 to allow possibility of compensating Urban Forestry Commission members for their time.





# Avoiding Negative Impacts

## #10 Consider tree removal impacts to other trees

Amends 11.40.040.B.2 to allow for consideration of tree removal impacts on other trees.





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# Questions?

