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The Large Tree Amendment should be extended.

The City's literature on the Large Tree Amendment gives excellent reasons for extending the Amendment.

As a longtime resident in a Portland urban neighborhood who is usually transit dependent and who walks a lot, I wish to offer some more subjective observations.

When we walk in sunny temperatures above a certain threshold, we invariably seek out the tree-lined, shady pathways. In rural countrysides around the world, I've observed trees traditionally planted along roadways for the comfort of pedestrians, horse carts, and pre-AC motor traffic. Trees simply promote personal well-being in hot weather on a moment-to-moment basis. Any stretch of sidewalk without mature trees can contribute to the discomfort of getting through pedestrian errands on a hot summer day. In fact, lack of trees on a route probably impacts choices on whether to walk or drive to the store.

Shade from large trees also keeps residential interiors cooler. American architectural conventions rarely include exterior overhangs over windows (as utilized by Native Americans in the Southwest), or exterior shutters and blinds (common in Europe.) Our high-tech double-paned window glass insulates, but it still doesn't adequately prevent direct solar radiation from heating up interior spaces. Mature trees, however, can provide enough shade to keep the sun out on upper floors. Residents can thus delay turning on their AC, and power is saved.

Automobiles, air conditioners, and homes in lush suburbs might lead some to forget about the overwhelming value of our precious, mature trees for everyone else.

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