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Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 11:13 AM

To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: In support of proposed extension of Amendments to Title 11, Trees, Chapter 11.50

Dear PSC:

I'm writing in support of keeping the amended Tree Preservation Standards in place for an additional 2 years, at the least, or, alternatively, until a more comprehensive review of Title 11 has been completed to include the updated goals of the City's climate-related and other health goals.

I believe that, if anything, now is the time to increase the stringency of Tree Preservation Standards, and maintaining the current standard for a 2 year extension is truly the least we can do to further the City's goals/policies to increase tree canopy and green infrastructure, as well as reducing impervious areas. To me, increases in tree preservation standards would also make sense as the City concurrently strives to increase housing density, which, without careful planning, has a likelihood of further reduce tree habitat. I would welcome measures to ensure that Portland's tree canopy cannot be further reduced, and, ideally, can grow to provide the additional scientifically well-documented health benefits of trees in the urban environment (or any environment, really).

Overall, I think Portland could use further standards/tools/incentives to not only encourage tree preservation, but also to limit new impervious area generally and encourage de-paving, irregardless of building footprint.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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