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To: Parks - Urban Forestry Commission

Subject: Title 11 Amendments

Hello,

Please accept my public comment in favor of making the "Large Tree Amendment to Portland's Tree Code" a permanent part of the tree code. If this amendment is allowed to expire, it will be a huge step back for Portland's urban forest. As the climate crisis continues to escalate and as Portland's urban forest overall is struggling to grow, this amendment and other protections for our large trees are more important than ever. Large trees in particular need special protections like these due to their unique benefits and the years of growth they represent. I strongly support incorporating this amendment as a permanent element of the tree code. At the very least, its term should be extended.

Thank you, Kaleb Buckelew