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**From:** L Piffle <lpiffle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 20, 2024 1:52 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission; Parks - Urban Forestry Commission  
**Subject:** Title 11 Amendments--EXTEND THE LARGE TREE AMENDMENT, please!

Dear City of Portland,

I am writing to ask that you extend the Large Tree Amendment to Portland's Tree Code.

For a start, the last thing the over-indulged-by-way-of-tax-cuts property developers need is an easier, cheaper path to spoiling more of the City's beauty.

Secondly, but equally important, is the need for you to account for climate change. You surely are aware that it is bringing the Pacific Northwest hotter and drier summers that last for longer. Surely you can understand that an expansive rather than diminished large tree canopy brings at least these benefits: Shade. Cooler temperatures. Cleaner air. More birds, insects, wildlife in general. And again, shade. Why would you want to make our overheated summers even less bearable by allowing anyone to remove large trees just so there can be more heat-generating concrete?

There is a lot to object to about how Portland is being governed at the moment, even for fans of the City like me. One very easy step for City leaders to take that would fall on the Good Things Portland Still Has to Offer its Residents side of the ledger is to keep the Large Tree Amendment in effect.

Please, do the right--and sensible--thing here. Thank you.