



PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE PROJECT

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Agenda

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- II. Public Testimony – Summary & Response
- III. Commissioner Spevak Proposed Amendment
- IV. Discussion
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What is the Public Infrastructure Environmental Code Project?

A set of zoning code amendments to Portland's environmental overlay zones to facilitate the maintenance, upgrade, and replacement of public infrastructure, and the management of vegetation on public property.



Why are Amendments for Public Infrastructure Needed?

Public infrastructure serves vital functions, including water delivery, waste treatment and flood protection.

Many of these facilities are decades old and overdue for upgrades or replacement.



Project Amendments

Four groupings of amendments

1. Pump Station and Flood Control Structure Replacement
2. Natural Area Management
3. Tree Removal and Replacement
4. Miscellaneous Technical Amendments

Some amendments will affect public and private property



Staff Proposal

Staff proposes that the Planning Commission recommend that City Council:

- Adopt the Public Infrastructure Environmental Code Project Proposed Draft.
- Amend the following chapters of Title 33, Planning and Zoning, as listed in the Proposed Draft:
 - 33.274, Radio Frequency Transmission Facilities
 - 33.430, Environmental Zones
 - 33.465, Pleasant Valley Natural Resources Overlay Zone
 - 33.475, River Overlay Zones
 - 33.910, Definitions



Public Testimony

Testimony Received

- No oral testimony
- 14 pieces of written testimony

Key Topics

- Port of Portland – Requests for inclusion on some amendments
- River Environmental zone – Issues identified with tree removal and pruning requirements in the River Environmental Overlay (applied along Willamette River)



Public Testimony – Summary & Response

Tree Replacement in Rights-of-Way vs. Other Infrastructure

- Right-of-way standards have no tree replacement requirements.
- PBOT street standards require street tree planting.

Pruning and Tree Management in River 'e'

- Past policy decisions placed greater limits on tree removal and pruning.
- Proposed changes best addressed at a more comprehensive level.
Forthcoming Willamette North Reach Project will provide opportunity to evaluate potential changes to tree regulations throughout the river environmental overlay zone.

Public Testimony – Summary & Response

Port of Portland

- Project staff have conferred with Port of Portland staff. Staff recommend that any relevant amendments would be included in the Columbia Corridor and Industrial Lands (CCIL) Environmental Overlay Zone Project.
- Staff open to evaluating the following Port of Portland requests further:
 - Exemption for vegetation management on levees
 - Exemption for tethered floating features
 - Expansion of new standards for flood and wastewater control facilities

Commissioner Spevak's Proposed Amendment

33.430.170. Standards for Resource Enhancement Projects

C. Tethered floating features. The following standards apply to the installation of tethered floating wetland features. Installation of these features is allowed when all of the following are met:

1. The activity is conducted by the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District, as defined by ORS 550, ~~or~~ the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, or the Port of Portland;

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Discussion



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Commissioner Spevak's Item for Discussion

33.430.140 General Development Standards

J. Tree removal and replacement standards:

1. Removal of native trees is allowed as follows:
 - b. ~~In resource and transition areas, t~~The combined total diameter of all trees removed may not exceed 175~~225~~ inches, counting only native trees that are at least 6 inches in diameter;

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Commissioner Spevak's Item for Discussion

33.430.160 Standards for Land Divisions and Planned Developments

F. Tree removal is allowed as follows:

1. Native trees. In residential zones, the combined total diameter of native trees cut may not exceed ~~225~~175 inches per lot, counting only native trees that are at least 6 inches in diameter. In all other zones, native tree removal is limited to the boundaries of the approved disturbance area. Native trees must be replaced as shown in Table 430-3, Option A or B;

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Recommendation / Transmittal Letter



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Recommendation

Recommend that City Council:

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