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Portland City Council
Portland City Hall
1211 SW Fourth Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Adams and City Council Members:

On May 22, 2012 the Planning and Sustainability Commission voted unanimously to forward the Proposed Housekeeping Amendments to Title 11 Trees & Title 33 Planning and Zoning to City Council for approval. The Planning and Sustainability Commission played a significant role in the Citywide Tree Project approved in April 2011 that created the new Title 11 Trees, and amended significant portions of Title 33 Planning and Zoning. These proposed housekeeping amendments are consistent with the adopted policies and will provide a solid foundation for implementation and ongoing administration of the new regulations.

The Commission received three written responses to the proposed amendments. The comments generally focused on the requirements of the new regulations and were outside the scope of the proposed amendments. In response to these concerns, the Commission encouraged staff to conduct comprehensive outreach that will provide simple answers to the most commonly asked questions, such as "Do I need a permit", and to coordinate with neighborhood associations, arborists, developers and other community stakeholders. The Commission understands that the Bureau of Development Services and Parks and Recreation are committed to developing an inclusive outreach and training program and materials over the next year leading up to implementation of the new regulations.

The proposed housekeeping amendments along with a strong education and outreach component will create a solid framework for effective implementation of Portland's new and updated tree codes. Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

André Baugh, Chair
Planning and Sustainability Commission



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