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Subject: Tree Code Reform

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask you to support necessary Tree Code reforms and stop-gap measures to protect large trees in Portland.

I have volunteered in many southeast neighborhoods to plant trees and lead planting crews with Friends of Trees. It pains me to see large healthy trees cut down just so developers can squeeze in the biggest ugliest house they can manage.

Please support the reforms offered by Audubon Society of Portland to begin protecting our large trees before they're gone. These trees needed many decades to mature and I hope you want to see them continue to clean our air and shade our summertime streets. Don't let the continued destruction of our precious urban canopy be your legacy.

Audubon's Tree Code position is here:
<http://audubonportland.org/files/habitat/title-11-reform-position-statement>

Please support them when the Planning and Sustainability Commission meets tomorrow January 12.

Sincere thanks,

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Your care for our Earth is appreciated!