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Subject: Title 11 - Tree Code Reform

I am requesting that the Planning and Sustainability Commission consider a stopgap proposal to help preserve more large and healthy trees by raising mitigation fees for developers. I request that this temporary measure be put in place until Title 11's preservation standards can be comprehensively reformed. The primary reasons for the stop gap proposal are:

- Portland's neighborhoods are currently experiencing extensive tree cutting driven by a highly lucrative real estate development market.
 - Title 11's very lenient preservation standards
        • Do not apply on sites within the commercial and industrial zones and on residential sites less than >5000 square feet,
        • Do not require that any trees in development situations be preserved at any location in the City, and
        • Do not require cut trees be fully replaced.

Many healthy native, non-nuisance trees are exempted from mitigation. Where fees-in-lieu of mitigation apply, the City requires a maximum of only $1,200 (the cost of planting two trees) to compensate for the removal of trees regardless of size or species. This amount is inadequate to replace the functions and value of large healthy native trees.

I am requesting the following:
- Immediately require public notice & delay on all trees ≥ 20 inches dbh Require public notice and a 30-day delay for removal of all trees greater than ≥ 20" dbh permitted for removal in both development and non-development situations.
- Immediately require $300 an inch mitigation for removal of healthy trees ≥ 30 inches dbh in development situations.
- Establish an inch-for-inch mitigation for cutting large, healthy, non-dangerous and non-nuisance trees ≥ 30" dbh in development and non-development situations until Title 11 preservation standards can be reformed. - Strengthen Title 11 preservation and mitigation standards & increase fee in-lieu

Thank you,

David Whitaker