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After working with contractors and residents implementing the tree code for a little over a year it has come to my attention that a few adjustments might make the tree code a bit more flexible for everyone. Please consider the following suggestions which are focused on residential and may be exclusive of commercial...

1. Tree protection in instances when working on minor additions, say under 200 ft<sup>2</sup>, that are well out of the root protection zone, say 30 ft or more. This is similar to the exemption for tree density in section 11.50.050.
2. Decks with hand dug footings which are 30 ft or more away from the RPZ.
3. Specifying a certain amount of excavation that can be exempt, say 100 ft<sup>2</sup>. Footings only.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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