

MOUNT-TABOR
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability
1900 SW 4th Avenue, #7100
Portland, OR 97201

Attn: John Cole, Project Manager
Miscellaneous Zoning Amendments Project

We are writing in support of proposed Miscellaneous Zoning Amendment Number 1 to the zoning code and zoning map, allowing plant nurseries in residential zones as conditional use, and to support the proposed changes to the zoning code — 33.110.100 and 33.120.100 — that would accomplish that goal.

One business that would benefit from this change is Portland Nursery at 5050 SE Stark Street, a thriving family-owned business that is wholly within the boundaries of the Mount Tabor Neighborhood. We understand that the 1991 code revision that changed nurseries from conditional use to nonconforming use has limited Portland Nursery's ability to grow and adapt, and we applaud the City's effort, with this amendment, to provide existing retail nurseries with more flexibility to expand their operations in a way that is appropriate to the surrounding residential area, and to make it easier for existing businesses like Portland Nursery to stay and grow on their current sites.

At the May 18, 2016, meeting of the Mount Tabor Neighborhood Association, the board voted unanimously to support this amendment, and we respectfully request that the Bureau and the City approve it.

Thank you,

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For the Mount Tabor Neighborhood Association