TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL	Come to the hearing to testify. Although the meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. please call 503-823-7700 one week prior to the hearing for the scheduled time of this item. The hearing will be held on the 2nd floor of the 1900 SW 4th Ave building. Metered and pay parking are available in the vicinity. Call TriMet at 503-238-7433 or go to www.trimet.org for routes and times of buses that serve the area. Send written testimony to 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 7100, Portland OR 97201. Testimony may also be sent by FAX to 503-823-7800 or by e-mail to planningcommission@ci.portland.or.us. Written and e-mailed testimony must be received by the time of the hearings and must include your name and street address to be included in the public record.
FOR MORE INFORMATION	Call Roberta Jortner, Project Manager, at 503-823-7855 or Morgan Tracy, Lead Project Planner, at 503-823-6879 or visit the web site at www.portlandonline.com/bps/treeproject. **NOTE: You are welcome to attend the Planning Commission briefing on this project at 6:00 p.m. on February 23, 2010, same location. See website for information on additional public meetings.**

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- **Notice of Planning Commission and Urban Forestry Commission Joint Hearing on the Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project**

Portland Planning Commission and Urban Forestry Commission Joint Hearing on

Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
6:00 p.m.

1900 SW 4th Avenue, 2nd floor
Portland, Oregon

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Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project

WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is leading a multi-bureau effort to review and update Portland's tree regulations. The *Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project* (Citywide Tree Project) helps advance City goals to protect and enhance the urban forest and to meet tree canopy targets. The project responds to public concern about the complexity and inconsistency of existing City tree rules and concern about the loss of trees as the city develops over time. The project charges are to:

1. Create a consistent, cohesive regulatory framework for Portland's trees.
2. Enhance the urban forest through development and redevelopment.

With extensive input from a diverse stakeholder group of neighborhood representatives, developers, arborists and environmental organizations, City staff have developed a proposal intended to:

- Consolidate City tree rules into a new comprehensive tree code, Title 11, Trees.
- Improve customer service and public tree information by establishing a single point of contact, 24-hour tree hotline, and Community Tree Manual.
- Enhance tree preservation, planting and protection through land use reviews, development permits, and capital improvement and public works projects.
- Create incentives to encourage developers to design with trees.
- Standardize the tree permit for City Trees, Street Trees and Private Trees, eliminating existing partial single family lot exemption.
- Clarify the role and uses of the City's Tree Funds.
- Provide cost-effective, efficient and practical solutions.

WHAT WILL THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND URBAN FORESTY COMMISSION CONSIDER?

The Planning Commission and Urban Forestry Commission will consider the following documents:

Volume I: Proposed Draft Citywide Tree Policy and Regulatory Improvement Project Report – describes the Citywide Tree Project purpose, process, recommendations, and fiscal impacts.

Volume II – Proposed Code Amendments - includes new Title 11, Trees, and amendments to existing titles: 3, Administration; 8, Health and Sanitation; 14C Public Order and Police, 31, Fire Regulations; 33, Planning and Zoning; 20, Parks and Recreation; 16 Vehicles and Traffic; 17, Public Improvements; 24 Building Regulations; and 29 Property Maintenance Regulations. Proposed amendments to Title 33 represent changes to City land use regulations.

The Planning Commission and Urban Forestry Commission will also consider public comments on this proposal. They will then forward a final recommendation to City Council for consideration and additional public review and comment.

TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE REPORT

Copies of the Citywide Tree Project reports are available (at no charge) at the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, 1900 SW 4th Ave, 7th Floor. Call 503-823-7700 to request that a copy be sent by mail. The proposal can also be viewed at www.portlandonline.com/bps/treeproject.

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