

Landoe, Brian

From: arthur bradford <arfbadford@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:30 AM
To: Commissioner Fish
Cc: Landoe, Brian
Subject: Title 11 Sunset

Hello, my name is Arthur Bradford, and I was one of the leaders of the Eastmoreland sequoia protests in 2015 which spurred on the changes to the Title 11 tree protections. As president of our non-profit, "Save The Giants", I continue to run the small park we created for those trees, produce community events there, and maintain an email list of roughly 5,000 supporters, all of whom feel passionately about the importance of maintaining large mature trees in Portland's urban canopy.

It has come to our attention that the Title 11 tree code protections are due to "sunset" at the end of this year. We understand that this sunset provision was put in place to give an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the changes. It's abundantly clear, however, that these changes were very much in demand and in fact didn't actually go far enough in protecting large trees. Letting them disappear, as the developer lobby advocates, would be an outrage an insult to those of us who worked hard to get something done to this broken code.

Please do not let these protections disappear. Rather, work to strengthen them by setting the protected tree size to 30" as opposed to the rarely attainable 36". Further, offer protections to 2/3 of the trees on the lot in question rather than just 1/3. Such protections will not prevent responsible development in this city. They would only negatively affect those who wish to turn a quick profit as the expense of our communities long-term welfare. You need only to examine the deep pockets of those who oppose such common sense regulations to confirm such suspicions.

Voters in Portland care deeply about trees. Large mature trees benefit everyone, not just well-off citizens. There are few issues which so evenly unite Portlanders as a love for trees. Perhaps the only group which see large trees as a nuisance, the developer lobby, happens to have an outsized influence on city decision making, otherwise this issue wouldn't even be in question.

Our group will work tirelessly to publicize those who support strengthening tree protections in this city, and equally hard to expose those who don't. The vast majority of this city wishes to keep the large trees standing over us for generations. As city officials, we expect you to honor this overwhelming desire by passing legislation which reflects these values.

Please don't let title 11 sunset. Please strengthen this meager code. While the developer lobby may not like their minority opinion going unrewarded, your voters will appreciate and reciprocate your integrity come election time.

Thank you for working hard for our city,

Arthur Bradford
President, "Save The Giants"

Landoe, Brian

From: OTC Damien <dcarre@oregontreecare.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 3:37 PM
To: Landoe, Brian
Subject: Tree code amendment.



The City's email systems have identified this email as potentially suspicious. Please click responsibly and be cautious if asked to provide sensitive information.

I am an Arborist here in Portland and I can't make this meeting. I fully support this amendment to preserve our mature trees as our urban canopy is definitely impacted by all the proposed construction. People move here to Portland because of the mature trees and nature. Please make the right vote and preserve our urban forest! Thank you for your time!!

If you have any questions regarding this email, please contact us.

Damien Carré, Certified Arborist (PN-6405A)

Certified Tree Risk Assessor (1717)

On behalf of the Oregon Tree Care Team

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City of Portland
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

September 18, 2019

Planning & Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Ave, Rm 2500
Portland, OR 97205

Urban Forestry Commission
1221 SW 4th Ave, Suite 5000
Portland, OR 97201

RE:

- Proposed amendments to Title 11, Trees; Regarding Tree Preservation for Private Trees in Development Situations
- Planning & Sustainability Commission hearing scheduled for Sept. 24, 2019, 5:00 pm, 1900 SW 4th Ave, Rm 2500
- Urban Forestry Commission hearing scheduled for Oct. 17, 2019, 9:30, 1221 SW 4th/Lovejoy Room (2nd floor)

The Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) and the DNA Land Use Transportation Committee strongly support the proposal to extend for two years the Amendments to Title 11, Trees, otherwise scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2019.

The amendments basically require that one-third of “non-exempt” trees be preserved or a fee be paid in lieu of preservation. A fee schedule was set, depending on the diameter of the tree.

Preservation of trees is essential, especially for Downtown residents, for several reasons:

- Trees are a carbon-dioxide “sink”, and contribute to Portland’s Climate Action Plan to reduce the City’s carbon emissions.
- Trees create shade, and help cool the City in this era of global warming.
- “Green infrastructure” contributes to mental health – lowering stress and anxiety.

Unfortunately, much of the area covered by the DNA was omitted from the original tree ordinance requirements, which applied mainly to residentially-zoned areas. Commercially-zoned (CX) areas were excluded. However, most of the DNA is zoned “CX” – which includes many multi-family residential buildings. About 15,000 people reside in the DNA, plus the thousands who come to work here every day. However, only about 35 blocks of the DNA (out of ~150) are actually zoned “residential” (RX).



In addition to the extension of the existing Tree Preservation requirements, we would like to request that those requirements be extended to the parts of the DNA that are not now covered. We would especially encourage at least covering those parts of the DNA containing affordable housing, and would be happy to help identify these. Downtown trees contribute to a vibrant, welcoming Downtown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter E. Weyler".

Walter Weyler
Chair, Downtown Neighborhood Association

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Rahm".

Wendy Rahm
Vice Chair, DNA LUT committee

Landoe, Brian

From: Drew Miles <d.miles220@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Landoe, Brian
Subject: Amendments to Title 11 comment

Dear Urban Forestry Commission,

I'm writing to you to express my support for extending the sunset date of the Title 11 amendments, that strengthen regulations pertaining to tree preservation, especially the preservation of large size trees, in development situations on private property another two years until December 31, 2020. Additionally, I would support any action to strengthen the existing provisions, which I do not believe are strong enough - especially in the instance of large single family residence development projects, and to extend the sunset further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Drew Miles
7524 NE Pacific St
Portland, OR 97213

Landoe, Brian

From: Kimo Shotz <kimoshotz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:06 AM
To: Landoe, Brian
Subject: Title 11 tree code

Hello.

I just learned that developers are not held to the same fees/costs that residents are when it comes to removing and replacing large healthy trees.

This is so absolutely wrong! Am I understanding this wrong?

Please hold developers to the same regulations and fees as residents.

And better yet, demand they leave the old large healthy trees and figure out a safe way to design and build around the trees to preserve the beauty and integrity of our urban canopy and forest!

Thank you

Kimberly Shotz

26-year Portland resident

20-yr home owner

Preserver and respecter of 3 very large trees on my properties.

Sent from my iPhone

Landoe, Brian

From: Kirsten Davis <isabeest@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:20 PM
To: Landoe, Brian
Subject: [User Approved] Preserving large trees

Dear Urban Forestry Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support of, at the very least, permanently adopting the “large healthy tree amendment” to Title 11 which maintains higher fees-in-lieu of preservation of large trees. Additionally, I would like to see other changes as well: namely, I would like to see the Title 11 exemption for commercial and industrial lands and sites under 5000 feet discontinued, as well as an increase in the preservation standard to 1/2 of trees on sites rather than only 1/3 of trees. I would also like to see parking requirements for sites waived if that would allow for the preservation of large trees or the planting of large-scale trees.

Large-scale trees positively affect so many aspects of city life: they help to decrease heat island effects, improve air quality and provide habitat for wildlife within city limits; improve efforts to deal with stormwater runoff, and promote an attractive and inspiring city that both improves quality of life for residents but also helps to attract visitors to the city. Large trees are one of our greatest assets and speak to the past history of the region while continuing to nurture the present. Within them, the past, present and future spirit of the city is contained. Their presence speaks to our character. Let’s promote a future where we continue to live side by side with these physical, environmental and spiritual giants.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Davis
33rd Ave., Portland, OR 97202

Landoe, Brian

From: Aaron Choate <aaronchoate@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:29 PM
To: Landoe, Brian
Subject: We support extension of the "large healthy tree amendment" to Title 11 of the Tree Code

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We have heard that on September 24th the Planning and Sustainability Commission will have a hearing on the proposed extension of the City Council's April 2016 "large healthy tree amendment" to Title 11 (Tree Code). We urge you to extend the "large healthy tree amendment" beyond the year-end sunset date.

Please also consider implementing the following measures:

- 1.) *remove the Title 11 exemption for all commercial and industrial lands*
- 2.) *remove the Title exemption for sites under 5000 square feet*
- 3.) *increase the preservation standard for 1/2 of trees on site, hence applying the fee in-lieu of preservation to more trees. and*
- 4.) *Waive all on-site parking requirements if they would allow the preservation of large trees or planting of large form trees. All these will require, or allow, developers to go to greater efforts to design around the largest, healthiest trees.*

These changes will help keep our urban canopy healthy for future generations, mitigate runoff, sequester carbon, provide wildlife habitat and bolster ecopsychological benefits and livability in the city for generations of Portlanders and visitors to come.

Sincerely,
Aaron, Kirsten, Sierra, & Anton Choate
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