

Notice of Bureau of Development Services Open House on Administrative Rule: Tree Replanting Requirements for Tree Removal on Private Property, City-Owned and Managed Sites and Public Rights-of-Way

Bureau of Development Services Open House Regarding the

Proposed Administrative Rule for Tree Planting:

September 18, 2015 at 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Bureau of Development Services, 1900 SW 4th Avenue - Room 2500 B

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you participated in or expressed interest in the Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project (Citywide Project) and Title 11, Trees, or you are a member of a neighborhood or business organization.

What is this project about?

On January 2, 2015 a new Title 11, Trees went into effect. This new code contains tree regulations for private property owners seeking to remove trees in their yard as well as regulations for City initiated projects such as street improvements and development on city-owned property. The Proposed Administrative Rule is designed to clarify tree planting requirements. Under the tree code, new trees must be planted when trees are permitted for removal. However, in a number of situations, the code does not specify how many trees must be planted. The Proposed Administrative Rule defines tree replacement requirements and builds on existing tree code policy to ensure tree replanting specifications are applied equitably, consistently and are transparent and predictable. As such, these rules will facilitate effective administration of Title 11, Trees.

An Interim Administrative Rule went into effect on April 20th, 2015 and has been reviewed by multiple City agencies, the Urban Forestry Commission, and the Tree Project Oversight Advisory Committee. Many of these review bodies submitted comments. Some of the comments resulted in proposed changes to the Rule and are indicated by an underline and ~~strikethrough~~ in the document. The remaining comments will be further discussed after the public review.

How can I review this proposal?

Get a copy of the Administrative Rule and City Agency Comments. The proposed Administrative Rule as well as comments submitted by City agencies, the Urban Forestry Commission and Oversight Advisory Committee will be available the week of September 7, 2015. You can pick up a copy at the Bureau of Development Services office at 1900 SW 4th Avenue, 5th Floor reception. The document will also be available on the Tree Code Website at www.portlandoregon.gov/trees.

How can I comment on this proposal?

Attend the Bureau of Development Services Open House

The Bureau of Development Services will hold a public open house on September 18, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Bureau of Development Services 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Room 2500 B, Portland, Oregon 97201.

Write to Staff

Mail written testimony to Mieke Keenan at Bureau of Development Services, 1900 SW 4th Ave., Suite 5000, 97201 Portland, OR 97204, FAX comments to 503-823-5630, or email comments to mieke.keenan@portlandoregon.gov.

What happens next?

The Bureaus of Development Services and Portland Parks and Recreation will consider public comments on this proposal. They will then forward a recommendation to City Commissioners for consideration and additional public review and comment.

For more information, contact Mieke Keenan, Program Coordinator at the Bureau of Development Services 503-823-5779 or Mieke.Keenan@PortlandOregon.gov or visit the Tree website: www.portlanoregon.gov/trees.