

To: Planning Commission
Re: Item 3, meeting of March 23, 2022
From: Dave Weissman

Dear Commissioners,

I am happy to confirm my support of the draft changes submitted by staff to the Tree Protection Ordinance. I suggest the following additions to this draft, **in red below**, to make the intent more clear and to try and eliminate any loop-holes.

Exhibit 2, Code page 1 (Staff report page 51): Damage means any action undertaken which causes short-term or possible long-term injury, death, or disfigurement to a tree. This includes but is not limited to: mechanical injury (whether intentional or not), cutting of roots or limbs, poisoning, over-watering, relocation or transplanting a tree, or trenching, grading, compaction, excavating, paving, or installing impervious surface within the root zone of a protected tree.

Exhibit 2, Code page 11 (Staff report page 61): Sec. 29.10.0994 (7) Trees removed illegally or damaged shall require the issuance of a retroactive tree removal permit. Once this retroactive permit is issued, and all required conditions fulfilled, along with any assessed monetary penalties paid and tree replacement requirements completed, then any Stop Work Order shall be removed.

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