

EXHIBIT 4

Six Tree Management Code “Short-Term Solutions” which Council directed staff and consultants on 1/23/23 to develop into text amendment draft proposals.

1. Remove - "Supplemental trees in excess of those needed to meet the minimum required tree units shall not be required." from 16.52.090.D.3.(d)
 - a. Removing this will align the minimum preservation and restoration standards with the code’s intent to “preserve the existing tree canopy”.
2. Require species that can attain a similar canopy size to trees being removed.
 - a. An intent of the code is to “Protect and preserve the existing tree canopy”, but the minimum standards focus on tree replacement, not canopy replacement.
3. Expand "List of Suitable Trees" to allow select deciduous non-native species.
 - a. There is an inadequate selection and supply of suitable size native deciduous trees required for supplemental and restoration tree plantings. Expanding the list will increase approved options.
4. Tree preservation plan shall include a report by a qualified professional that identifies compliance with code objectives.
 - a. A qualified professional (arborist) is a person that has the necessary experience and training in an applicable area and is needed to address specific requirements identified in the code (example. Is a tree healthy and wind-firm? MMC 16.52.170.A.3.c.iii)
5. Increase minimum replacement trees to account for attrition.
 - a. This measure is intended to address potential loss of supplemental trees required to remain viable 5 years after planting (MMC 16.52.100.A.4), which currently lacks a means to track and enforce replacements.
6. Legacy and Landmark trees: Remove "the risk of the tree declining or becoming a nuisance is unenhanced by any proposed development." (16.52.080.A.1.c.ii & 16.52.080.A.2.c.ii)
 - a. As written, this line is not consistent with the code’s purpose and intent and may result in the indiscriminate removal of large trees from development that might not occur.