



# CITY OF SALEM

## Written Testimony #2

### City Council

555 Liberty St SE  
Salem, OR 97301

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**Monday, October 19, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

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#### **City Council Work Session - Salem's Trees and Programs**

**2.a.**     [20-412](#)     Work Session: Salem's City Trees and Programs.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship;

Welcoming and Livable Community

**Recommendation:**     Information only.

**Attachments:**     [2019 Tree Report-Summary of Tree Projects.pdf](#)

[SPRAB Urban Forestry Report October 2020.pdf](#)

[SRC 86 - Trees on City Owned Property.pdf](#)

[Administrative Rule 109-500-001 Trees on City-owned Property.pdf](#)

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**From:** [Lora Meisner](#)  
**To:** [citycouncil](#); [CityRecorder](#)  
**Subject:** re: Trees  
**Date:** Monday, October 19, 2020 4:46:45 PM

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I have been very disappointed in the negligence of the city/public works department regarding trees and their destruction on city right of ways and city property. Cut down trees and then months later apply for a permit and that's OK? Really? And we have the audacity of call ourselves a Tree City USA? A big concern is that the city is NOT taking into account climate change and with that flooding events. When developers want to building a housing development we need to start by 1) requiring 50% of trees 6 inches or more diameter stay put.....we need the tree canopy for soak up carbon dioxide as well as thousands of gallons of water. When you're looking at trees lets save as many as we can.....you always botched it on Pac Trust property. Try to do a better job from now on. Will developers complain? Yes, too bad. Protecting our environment is more important than your campaign contributions from Tokarski, Pence and the Chamber.

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