

Trees are the earth's endless effort to speak to the listening heaven.
 -Rabindranath Tagore, Fireflies, 1928



City of Tigard **Urban Forestry Code Revisions**

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
 (continued)
 Mon., March 5, 2012
 7 p.m.
 Town Hall

Contact Us Background Timeline

Legislative Adoption Process – Planning Commission Public Hearing

The purpose of the hearing is to ensure that interested parties can offer relevant testimony to influence the Planning Commission before they make a formal recommendation on the Urban Forestry Code Revisions to City Council.

Update: February 7, 2012

On February 6, 2012, the Tigard Planning Commission met and received public testimony on updates to the city's urban forestry related codes and standards. For the purposes of a discussion of project details, the hearing was continued to March 5, 2012. Public testimony will not be taken at the March meeting; however, the public is invited to attend and hear city staff brief the commission about details of the code. Following is important information regarding the continuation of the hearing.

To ensure all stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide written testimony to the Planning Commission, the hearing record is being held open until Friday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m. Testimony may be sent by email to Planning Commission Secretary Doreen Laughlin at doreen@tigard-or.gov; or by US mail to Tigard City Hall, Attn: Doreen Laughlin, 13125 SW Hall Blvd, Tigard, OR 97223; or by fax Attn: Doreen Laughlin at 503-718-2748.

The March 5 public hearing is scheduled to be continued to April 16, 2012. At the April hearing, the commission will consider any amendments that had been requested by the February 17 deadline. Public testimony will be allowed only on the amendments requests. It is likely that on April 16 the Planning Commission will consider a motion on a recommendation to City Council regarding the amendments requests and urban forestry proposal.

For more information, or to view the proposal, visit www.tigard-or.gov/ufcr. The proposal is also available for viewing in the Tigard Public Library reference section.

Public Hearing

At the public hearing on February 6, 2012, the Planning Commission:

- may review the entire Urban Forestry Code Revisions proposal;

- may take testimony on any aspect of the proposal;
- may deliberate on any aspect of the proposal; and
- may comment on any aspect of the proposal.

However:

- The Planning Commission's formal recommendation to council (motion) is limited to the land use elements of the proposal. This includes the Comprehensive Plan Significant Tree Groves Map and Tigard Development Code (Title 18) amendments.

What this Means for You

The Planning Commission's formal recommendation to City Council will be limited to two sections of staff's proposal:

- Urban Forestry Standards for Development; and
- Tree Grove Preservation Incentives.

If you wish to comment on either of these sections during the February 6, 2012 public hearing you may find the public hearing tips below helpful.

If you wish to comment on other aspects of the proposal, either the Tree Permit Requirements or Hazard Trees, you will have two options. These options include:

- Provide oral testimony to Planning Commission, understanding that the commission will not be voting on these aspects of the proposal on February 6, 2012, and that your comments will be forwarded to City Council for consideration at a later date.
- Provide written testimony to Planning Commission that will also be forwarded to City Council for consideration at a later date. Written testimony can be submitted in person, by email, or by mail.

Public Hearing Format

1. The public hearing is opened by the Planning Commission President.
2. City staff will provide a summary of the staff report and their recommendation on the Urban Forestry Code Revisions. A copy of the staff report is available for viewing one week in advance of the hearing in the City of Tigard Permit Center and at the website. You can purchase a hard copy for 25¢ per page.
3. The Planning Commission President will invite public testimony. In favor first, then opposed, then neither in favor nor opposed.
4. The Planning Commission President will close the Public Hearing. No further testimony will be accepted.
5. The Planning Commission will deliberate and vote on the proposal. The president will allow for Planning Commission member discussion only.

Please note, the Planning Commission is not the final decision-making body for the Urban Forestry Code Revisions. The commission will instead make a recommendation to City Council, who will make the final decision. Please contact the Planning Department at 503-639-4171 if you have any questions.

Hearing Tips

- If you wish to speak for, against, or comment in any way, we request that you: Please print your name and full address on the “Hearing Sign-In Sheet” at the back of the room. When called to speak, please come forward to the podium, clearly state your name, address and make your statement.
- Submitting your comments in writing to the Planning Commission in advance of the public hearing allows staff and the commission more time to formulate a response to your concerns.
- If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may submit your comments in writing to the Planning Commission.
- Written comments may be submitted by mail to Doreen Laughlin, Planning Commission Secretary at doreen@tigard-or.gov or City of Tigard, attn.: Doreen Laughlin, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR 97223.
- Please be prepared to limit your testimony to three minutes. The Planning Commission Secretary will have a timer with green, yellow, and red lights on the table to remind you. (The yellow light will flash as a 30 second warning, and the timer will buzz at the end of 3 minutes). It’s always a good idea to submit your ideas in writing, particularly if you are unsure as to whether or not you can make all of your points in the time allotted.
- Please do not repeat testimony offered by yourself or earlier witnesses. If you agree with the statement of an earlier witness, please just state that and add any additional points of your own.
- If you have any exhibits for the Planning Commission to consider, such as a copy of your testimony, photographs, petitions, or other documents or physical evidence, at the close of your comments please hand all new exhibits to the Planning Commission Secretary, who will mark these exhibits as part of the record.