

CITY OF KIRKLAND - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TREE REGULATIONS

The Houghton Community Council and the Planning Commission will be holding public hearings to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the City of Kirkland's tree and landscaping codes.

What changes to the Tree Management and Landscaping requirements are being proposed?

Process IV permit updating Kirkland Zoning Code Chapter 95 –by incorporating the following changes:

- Consolidating City park and street tree regulations currently found in Kirkland Municipal Code Title 19 into KZC Chapter 95
- Reorganizing the existing code language within the chapter
- Clarifying tree removal standards when it is or is not associated with development
- Revising code language to require a permit for tree removal not associated with development
- Clarifying existing definitions and terms
- Allowing for phased review of a tree retention plan as part of a short plat review process
- Developing modification criteria to address subsequent changes to an established tree retention plan
- Changes regarding tree pruning and the number of trees to remain on a property

The proposal affects property city-wide.

When are the public hearings?

A public hearing will be held by the HOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL on October 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible AND a public hearing will be held by the KIRKLAND PLANNING COMMISSION on November 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., (or as soon thereafter as possible), both in the Council Chamber at 123 5th Avenue.

The Houghton Community Council's public meeting is to allow the Community Council to make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council. The Planning Commission's hearing is the official hearing of the City. The Planning Commission will prepare a recommendation to the City Council for their final decision at a public meeting. The date of the City Council meeting has not been set but is anticipated to occur in December 2009 or January 2010.

How do I give comments on the proposed amendments?

During the meetings, anyone may speak or submit written comments. Before the meetings, written comments may be submitted to the Houghton Community Council and/or the Planning Commission in care of Jon Regala, Senior Planner with the Planning Department. MAILING ADDRESS/EMAIL Please refer to Permit No. ZON08-00016 and include your name, mailing address and email address.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: You may view the official file ZON08-00016 which is available at the Planning Department or contact project planner, Jon Regala at (425) 587-3255 with any questions regarding this project. More information is also available at <http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/Planning.htm>

People requiring a disability accommodation may call (425) 587-3000 or for TTY service call (425) 587-3111 prior to the meeting(s).



CITY OF KIRKLAND
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 425.587.3225
www.ci.kirkland.wa.us

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC HEARING

Follow these two (2) simple steps:

1. In the Public Notice (either posted on the large white sign erected on the subject property, on the bulletin board at City Hall, or the publishing notice in the Seattle Times) make a note of the deadline date, the hearing date, and the hearing body.
 - The deadline date is the last day you may submit written comments if you will not attend the public hearing or if there will be a hearing on the proposal/project.
 - The hearing date is the day you may submit written and/or oral comments if you will attend the public hearing.
 - The hearing body is the group or individual who will consider the written and oral testimony.
2. You may participate in the public hearing process in either or both of the following ways:
 - Submit written comments to the appropriate hearing body either by:
 - a. Delivering these comments to the Kirkland Planning Department, 123 5th Avenue, Kirkland 98033, by the deadline date; or
 - b. Giving your written comments directly to the hearing body at the public hearing.

For the Planning Commission and Houghton Community Council, the Planning Department encourages you to submit any written comments at least 8 days before the hearing date so they will be able to receive and read the comments prior to the meeting.

 - Appear in person, or through a representative, at the hearing and giving oral comments directly to the hearing body.

To find out more:

1. Contact the City staff planner whose name and telephone number appears on the public notice and/or;
2. Come to the Kirkland Planning Department between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and request to see the project file (the project file number is noted in the public notice). The file will contain proposed site plans and building elevations (if applicable) and other information.

Should you have additional questions, please contact the Planning Department: (425) 587-3225.