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Hello Board members,

Please vote in favor of updating tree protections for our city. There's been too many instances of developers promising to save prominent trees, only to find later that they're taken down - this simply puts some teeth into what they should already be doing.

Particularly in central city /isthmus area where insufficient canopy has created heat island effect, we just can't afford to lose any more trees. What remains are still cooling many of our homes by their shade and providing beauty to otherwise stark concrete landscape.

I understand developers are fighting this - however it's not anything that precludes them still building and profiting in our community. It's not unreasonable that we as a city try to hold onto what's made this such a desirable place for people to live.

Thank you  
Cathy Debevec / 1885 E Main St., Madison, WI

**From:** [Fields, Debbie](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Street Tree Protection (Legistar File 89254)  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025 9:54:59 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter of support street tree protection ordinance \(Legistar File #89254\).pdf](#)

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Alders,

Following please find an email that was received in the Council Office inbox.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Courtney L <lindlcourtneyb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2025 9:38 PM  
**To:** council <council@cityofmadison.com>  
**Cc:** Mayer, Davy <district6@cityofmadison.com>; MNA Board <mnaboard@marquette-neighborhood.org>; Brown, Ian K. <IBrown@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Support for Street Tree Protection (Legistar File 89254)

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Please see the attached letter from the Marquette Neighborhood Association expressing our support for the proposed revisions to the City's street tree protection ordinance (Legistar File #89254).

Thanks!



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210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 505  
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Re: Support for Street Tree Protection (Legistar File 89254)

Dear Members of the Madison Common Council:

The Board of the Marquette Neighborhood Association respectfully submits this letter in support of the proposed revisions to the City's street tree protection ordinance (Legistar File #89254)

We appreciate the City's continued efforts to strengthen protections for Madison's urban forest. The updates included in this ordinance—expanding tree protection zones during construction, providing clearer tools to ensure compliance, and establishing a replacement fund for trees that must be removed—are thoughtful steps that balance the needs of development with the long-term health of our canopy.

As a neighborhood with a strong tradition of valuing trees and green space, we have seen how much mature trees contribute to cooling our homes, managing stormwater, supporting public health, and making our streets inviting places to gather and walk. We believe these revisions will help preserve those benefits across Madison as the city continues to grow.

We respectfully encourage the Council's support of these updates and thank you for your ongoing commitment to protecting one of Madison's most important community assets.

Sincerely,

Marlisa Kopenski Condon  
President, Marquette Neighborhood Association

CC: MNA board, MNA Green Spaces & Trees Committee, Alder Davy Mayer, Ian Brown