

From: [Truly Remarkable Loon](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Cc: [Tracie Tudor](#)
Subject: Support "if, then" setback ordinance
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:16:01 AM

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We want you to know that we strongly support the "if, then" setback ordinance that will make it possible to preserve more trees and plant more and bigger trees in our city.

1. Long ago the City of Madison passed sustainability goals and and more recently urban forest goals. This ordinance will help our us reach those goals.
2. Trees benefit to our community by providing cooling shade, retaining storm water, raising property values and reducing urban heat islands.
3. The social benefits of trees are great : people living on tree lined streets are much more likely to know their neighbors. Businesses on tree lined streets do much better.
4. Madison is losing urban tree canopy and all the benefits trees provide. This ordinance will help improve our canopy.
5. We're sure you know Madison has no shortage of development. If a developer is unable to make a project work financially without making this contribution to our city there are plenty of other developers that can - on the same piece of real estate with the limits of this tree benefiting ordinance.

Please vote yes on this important ordinance. Thank you, Truly Loon and Tracie Tudor

PS Thank you for your personal time and energy to make Madison a vibrant place to live.

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"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." - Socrates

From: [Ellen Zweibel](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: 64250
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:16:03 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing in support of the zoning law amendment 64250 that would promote planting of street trees. We need more trees, for their aesthetic and environmental value.

Thank you.

Ellen Zweibel

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From: annewalker@homelandgarden.com
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#); [Rummel, Marsha](#); [Heck, Patrick](#)
Subject: item 12, tonights Plan Commission meeting
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:49:03 PM

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Dear Plan Commission Members, Alders

please consider extending protections for rear and side yard trees. As a longtime landscaper, I have seen many trees over the years suffer from compaction damage, loss of major limbs or roots and change in grade that has resulted in severe stress and death for trees, including canopy trees.

As you know, isthmus neighborhoods struggle with the additional challenge of above ground power lines. Our yards, many quite tiny, are an important part of our urban canopy. Please consider protections for all trees, especially with the addition of ADU's

Best

Anne Walker

From: [Pilar Rebecca Gomez-Ibanez](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Support for Legistar #64250, ordinance on canopy trees
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:07:00 PM

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Dear Plan Commissioners,

I strongly support the proposed zoning text amendment to increase front yard setbacks from 0' to 5' if the terrace is less than 15'. This is crucial to allow for the planting and preservation of large canopy trees in our city -- something the city has repeatedly affirmed as an important goal. We NEED a healthy urban canopy to address climate change, cool our buildings and streets, provide essential wildlife habitat, absorb rainwater to mitigate urban flooding on the isthmus, clean our air, and improve the health, joy, and quality of life for all people in our neighborhoods. We need this zoning amendment to turn goals into action, and to make sure we have a livable, healthy city for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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