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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed ordinance.

Our neighborhood used to have street trees, especially maples. In time, when these died off, they were often replaced with trees that were messy or had bad odors, trees which were not appropriate in a dense urban environment where most people park on the street.

Unfortunately, most of our sidewalks now have no tree cover. We're missing at least 80 trees (by counting tree wells). Between climate change and the heat island effect, it is often unbearable to walk the neighborhood in summer. It is considerably cooler in nearby areas with mature trees; summer may be hot, but it's not suffocating, and people can walk their dogs without worrying if their paws will be damaged by heat.

We know it will take time and expertise to replace the tree cover with the appropriate species, as well as a two year commitment to water and establish them. We also believe will not only add to our quality of life, but reduce utility bills, an important consideration to reduce the burden on the energy grid and how people manage their monthly bills.

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