

ORDINANCE NO. 411

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING INTERIM CONTROLS PROHIBITING THE CUTTING OF TREES  
IN CRITICAL AREAS AND PROHIBITING LAND CLEARING OR GRADING  
IN CRITICAL AREAS**

WHEREAS, an interim control for removal of hazardous trees was adopted by Ordinance No. 407 on January 3, 2006 to allow the City to preserve planning options and prevent substantial change to critical areas while the Planning Commission and city staff engage the public and various stakeholder groups in crafting permanent development regulations, including but not limited to such alternatives as a vegetation management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Council determined that the interim control should be amended to expand the locations where hazardous trees may be removed without a permit to include recreational paths; now, therefore,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Amendment.** The interim control adopted in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 407 is amended to read as follows:

**Emergency situations on private property involving danger to life or property or substantial fire hazards.**

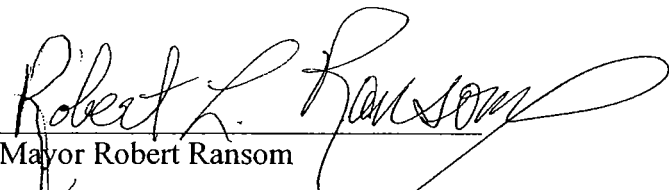
In addition to other exemptions of Subchapter 5 of the Development Code, SMC 20.50.290-.370, the proposed cutting of any tree or clearing vegetation that is an immediate threat to public health and safety shall be allowed without a permit if it is evaluated and authorized by the City prior to such work being performed. The evaluation shall be done using the International Society of Arboriculture method, Hazard Tree Analysis for Urban Areas, in its most recent adopted form. Authorization to cut or clear vegetation under this exemption may only be given if the City concludes that the condition constitutes an actual and immediate threat to life or property in homes, private yards, buildings, public or private streets and driveways, improved utility corridors, recreational trails or access for emergency vehicles. The party proposing cutting or clearing under this exemption shall contact the City regarding the emergency prior to taking the action and shall allow City access to assess the hazardous vegetation prior to, during and after removal and to assure compliance with conditions. If deemed by the City to be necessary, the City may retain, at the applicant's cost, an arborist/tree consultant to evaluate the request prior to any final determination. The City shall

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authorize only such alteration to existing trees and vegetation as may be necessary to eliminate the hazard and shall condition authorization on means and methods of removal necessary to minimize environmental impacts, including replanting. Any authorized work shall be done utilizing hand implements only and the City may require that all or a portion of cut materials be left on-site.

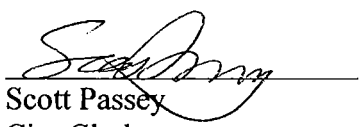
**Section 2. Effective Date, Publication.** A summary of this ordinance consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and the ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

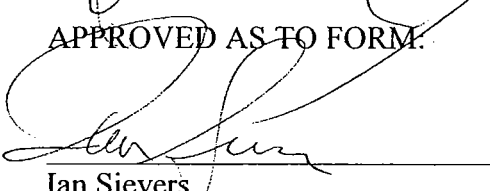
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 13, 2006

  
Mayor Robert Ransom

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM.

  
Scott Passey  
City Clerk

  
Ian Sievers  
City Attorney

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