

**Amendment 3**  
**to**  
**CB 120207 – LEG Tree Service Provider Registry**  
**Sponsor: Pedersen**  
Reporting requirements for subdivisions

**Effect:** This amendment would add an additional report requirement to the subdivision, short subdivision, or boundary line adjustment process. This would require that either a registered tree service provider or a state-registered landscape architect provide a report describing how the design of a proposed subdivision supports the City’s policy of maximizing retention of existing trees. Currently, the City only requires that a registered surveyor draw plat maps and does not require an explanation of how the plats were drawn to maximize retention of existing trees. Note that the subdivision process does not involve permitting development, but usually takes proposed development into account (e.g., building footprints and vehicular access).

Amend Section 2 of Council Bill 120207, as follows (subsections will be numbered as appropriate depending on which amendments are adopted):

Section 2. A new Section 25.11.095 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

**25.11.095 Tree service provider registration**

C. Tree service provider activities

1. A registered tree service provider shall comply with the following public notice requirements prior to conducting commercial tree work:

a. Post at least three days in advance of conducting any commercial tree work in a safe location at or adjacent to the commercial tree work site in a manner clearly visible from the public right-of-way, a copy of the tree service provider registration under which the commercial tree work is being conducted; and

b. Include a brief description of the commercial tree work the registered tree service provider is conducting that exceeds normal and routine pruning operations and

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maintenance or that involves removal of any trees 6 inches or greater diameter at breast height and identify whether said tree meets the City's definition of exceptional.

2. A registered tree service provider is responsible for complying with best practices applicable to the particular commercial tree work for which they are retained, including:

a. Determination of the commercial tree work needed to justify removal or pruning outside of the routine pruning operations and maintenance in order to meet the objectives of the hiring entity; and

b. Maintaining adequate supervisory control over workers conducting commercial tree work under their direct supervision.

X. Either a registered tree service provider or a Washington state-licensed landscape architect who is a currently credentialed ISA certified arborist shall prepare and submit a report to the Director during the subdivision, short subdivision, or boundary line adjustment process, describing how the proposal to subdivide land, short subdivide land, or adjust lot lines, complies with the City's policy of maximizing retention of existing trees.