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A RESOLUTION recognizing the 2007 Urban Forest Management Plan (Plan), and proposing formal adoption of an updated Plan in 2012.

WHEREAS, trees in the City of Seattle provide environmental, aesthetic, and economic value to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, enhancing existing tree protection as provided for in the Comprehensive Plan and the Municipal Code is necessary to ensure sustainable tree-protection efforts; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City published a thirty-year Plan that is to be updated every five years, and that recommends steps the City should take to preserve its trees; and,

WHEREAS, while the City has not yet adopted the 2007 Plan, it supports many of the findings, conclusions, and recommendations listed in the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City Council passed Ordinance 123052, establishing an Urban Forestry Commission (Commission) to advise the Mayor and Council on policies and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees in Seattle; and,

WHEREAS, the goals and recommendations for protecting and increasing Seattle's tree canopy as articulated in the Plan provide the broad framework for the Commission's work plan and recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has recommended the Council formally recognize the Plan as a framework document for its deliberations: NOW THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING:**

Section 1. The Council requests the Commission advise the Office of Sustainability and Environment as it works with the Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team to complete the first five-year Plan update in 2012. The Plan update should be informed by the most up-to-date findings on the value and distribution of Seattle's trees.

Section 2. The Council will formally adopt the Plan when the update is complete. In the interim, the Council recognizes that the 2007 Plan will provide important guidance to the Commission.





**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION recognizing the 2007 Urban Forest Management Plan and proposing formal adoption of an updated Plan in 2012.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

The resolution states Council's intent to formally adopt the Urban Forest Management Plan (Plan) once it has been updated in 2012.

**Background:** (Include a brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable.)

The Plan was published in 2007 but never formally adopted. It is a thirty-year plan to protect and expand Seattle's tree canopy and it calls for updates every five years as conditions change. The first five-year update is due in 2012.

Ordinance 123052, adopted in 2009, established the Urban Forestry Commission (Commission) to advise the Council and Mayor on matters of tree protection.

The Commission has recommended the Council formally recognize the Plan as a framework document for its deliberations.

Please check one of the following:

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.**  
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