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RE: Fir tree #5 at 9027 SE 60<sup>th</sup> St on Mercer Island, WA.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> of 2019 I did a site visit to this property at the above address and inventoried 6 trees that were on this property and 2 trees that were on the neighbors property with critical root zones extending onto this property. I tagged all trees with numbered metal inventory tags.

There were some questions and concerns by the City of Mercer Island's Arborist so I did an amended report On February 25<sup>th</sup> of this year. I tried to answer all questions and concerns that were listed in the City Arborists letter.

This letter is to address the viability of retaining tree number 5 on the property. It is a mature Douglas Fir tree, (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), with a dbh of 32", (Exceptional Tree), with a height of about 100'. The drip line radius is 18' or 36' in diameter from the base of the tree. It is of good health and vigor. It is located on the west side of the existing home. The critical root zone of this tree will be 15' to 18' into the foot print of the proposed new construction home. The location of this tree on the lot will have a severe limitation on where a new home can be built.

There is enough canopy on the property to allow for removal of this tree and replacement with a suitable species.

Sincerely,

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