

**From:** [Tammy Nagel](#)  
**To:** [Stephanie Bibbens](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Five Foot Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2022 4:02:13 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: kbenysh@vail.net <kbenysh@vail.net>  
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 2:53 PM  
To: Council Dist List <TownCouncil@vailgov.com>  
Subject: Five Foot Ordinance

Hello,

I fully understand the rationale behind the proposed five feet of defensible space proposal, and I think it's a great idea for new construction. I am opposed to trying to impose this same requirement on properties that have been here for decades. I do not understand how you can compel homeowners to remove trees and bushes that they have purchased, planted and cared for for decades, let alone absorb the cost of removing them. As a 73-year-old woman who has lived in the same home in Vail for 47+ years, I can assure you that I will not grab a shovel and a chainsaw to remove trees that I planted in the 70s. Because I live in East Vail's first development where our houses are close together, our trees are mature and provide the only visual relief and a semblance of privacy between structures. Removal of mature vegetation throughout the town will result in an urban hardscape with very little aesthetic appeal and totally change the character of Vail. Furthermore, I do not have a clue as to what a "heritage" tree is - do the trees I planted decades ago qualify?

Please do not approve this idea as proposed.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Benysh

Name: [\[redacted\]](#)  
Email: [\[redacted\]](#)  
Date: Friday, April 1, 2022 1:02 PM

City: [\[redacted\]](#)

Phone: [\[redacted\]](#)  
Email: [\[redacted\]](#)  
Subject: Fire Risk

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you regarding the fire risk for the proposed addition.

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Thank you,  
[redacted]  
Fire Risk



Best from my iPad

**From:** [Tammy Nagel](#)  
**To:** [Stephanie Bibbens](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Action agenda item fire free five  
**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2022 12:54:09 PM

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From: Gussie Ross <imgussie@icloud.com>  
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 12:21 PM  
To: PublicInputTownCouncil <publicinput.vailtowncouncil@vailgov.com>  
Subject: Action agenda item fire free five

I feel the modifications that the fire department have proposed are a step in the right direction. However I'm still concerned about the concept of a 5 foot barrier even being helpful in an urban setting. Also would 5ft make any difference in a wind driven fire? When questioned by the council at the last session, the fire chief stated a 20 foot barrier makes a difference, not 5 feet.

I feel mitigation requirements should be based on the degree of risk in the various zones not a one size fits all for the town Vail. Has the council been presented with any other towns or cities that require the 5 foot zone in an urban setting? let's have some other fire experts weigh in on this, not just the town of Vail fire department.

As a property owner I am concerned with the vast enforcement powers that would be placed in the hands of the fireman.

Gussie Ross

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Tammy Nagel](#)  
**To:** [Stephanie Bibbens](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Tree Removal  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:39:36 AM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)

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**From:** David M Cohen <dmcoh1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:56 AM  
**To:** Council Dist List <TownCouncil@vailgov.com>  
**Cc:** FRED TRESCA <fmettx@me.com>; Charlie Vieth <Cevieth@gmail.com>; Glenn Goldstein <Glennndini@aol.com>; Dean Mitchell <dean.mitchell@mindspring.com>; Kennyrobin <kennyrobin@aol.com>; Karen Herman <karen@hermanftc.com>; Zekelman, Alan <Alan.Zekelman@zekelman.com>  
**Subject:** Regarding Tree Removal

To all concerned

While I totally respect and agree with the Fire Chief proposal to mitigate against the risks of wildfires in Vail, I would hope there can be some compromise in the plan to lessen the number of trees that will be removed.

Trees remove CO2 from our environment to help purify our atmosphere and help to reduce global warming, Additionally the trees provide shade to our homes to reduce the need for cooling with air conditioning. Needless to say, the beauty they provide .not only to the residents but to the steady

stream of year round visitors who tour Beaver Dam and Forest Road to view the beautiful homes. There is a town watershed area directly across from my property where the wild life resides in the natural habitat of trees and underbrush.

Each year for the last 17 years that I have been a resident I have expended more than \$1000.

per year to nurture my pines and spruces . I have adequate insurance to cover my home.

Please do not force me to cut down my trees that I have worked so hard to preserve.

Sincerely,

David M Cohen MD

PS Note my new email address: [dmcoh1@gmail.com](mailto:dmcoh1@gmail.com).