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I support enactment of Ordinance 220961. Mature trees helpfully sequester carbon, so preservation of them is consistent with KC MO's climate plan. The shade protects soil from retaining heat from the sun, and transpiration of moisture sends heat into the upper atmosphere, where it can radiate away from Earth, all of which tends to reduce severity of our 'heat island'. It is wise to work with nature to the fullest feasible extent, and it would be foolish to allow the size of buildings to crowd out trees and their benefits. Trees help to keep us visibly connected with nature, which lends to calming and good mental health.

Thank you.

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