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MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT Date: July 21, 2015

APPLICANT NAME Bruce Ligon

LOCATION 2417 Huffman Drive East

(East side of Huffman Drive East, at Huffman Drive South,

extending East to Knollwood Drive)

REQUEST Remove 54" Live Oak located in the Knollwood Drive

right-of-way

CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT District 6

PRESENT ZONING R-1, Single-Family Residential

HEALTH OF TREE Healthy

CONTRIBUTING

FACTORS Applicant states that the tree is damaging privacy fence along Knollwood Drive property line. The applicant further states this will be the third repair to the fence.

ENGINEERING

COMMENTS None

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

COMMENTS None

URBAN FORESTRY

water oak, the tree shows no signs of decline in health as there is minor deadwood present along with minimal limb decay in an existing full green canopy. However the tree continues to grow and encroach on the citizen's property line resulting in continual repairs to the privacy fence. There are several existing trees of all species existing in this right of way along with a row of several live oaks.

PLANNING

<u>COMMENTS</u> There are options available other than removing the tree. However, the tree in question is a Water Oak, which is not a preferred or desirable tree. The Commission has often looked favorably upon requests for removal when the tree has caused some type of property damage.

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MAWSS None

ANALYSIS The applicant states that the tree in question, which is located in the Knollwood Drive right-of-way behind the applicant's property, is destroying his privacy fence.

There are options available other than removing the tree. The fence repair could be done in a manner so as to box around the tree with an off-set of 2'- 3' from the tree. This option is not uncommon and can be seen in various locations throughout the city. However, the Commission has often looked favorably upon requests for removal of Water Oaks when the tree has caused some type of property damage.

Further, Urban Forestry has noted that there are numerous trees in the immediate vicinity, including several Live Oaks. The removal of this Water Oak would not be detrimental to the treescape along this portion of Knollwood Drive.

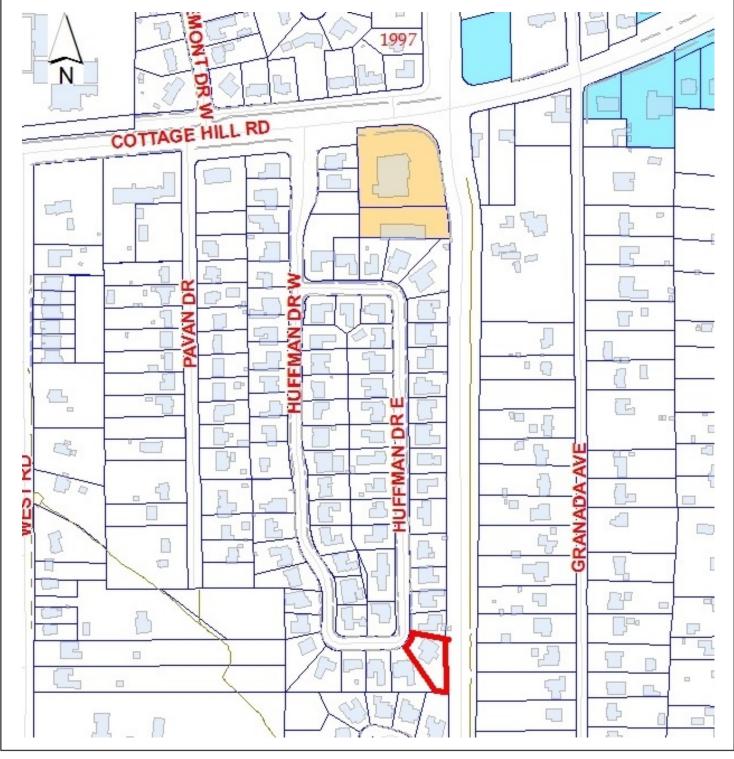
RECOMMENDATION Based on the preceding, it is recommended that the Commission discuss the option with the applicant that the fence repair be done in a manner so as to box around the tree with an off-set of approximately 3' from the tree. There are other amenities within the private property that may make this option infeasible. If the applicant illustrates the infeasibility of boxing around the tree, it is then recommended that the removal be approved.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE	Application No: P-2015-14
OFFICE OF TREE COMMISSION	Date: July 21, 2015 Meeting
1. Applicant:	2. Owner (if different from applicant):
Name Brune Ligon	Name Bruce NIgon
Address 2417 EAST AUF AMA	N' M Address 2417 EAST HUFFILLIN DR
Mobile, Alabama	Mobile, Alabama
Telephone Number <u>25/66-1080</u>	Telephone Number 25/ 680-2386
3. Location of Tree: 24/7 East Huff	FMAN DR (Back-YARD)
4. Type of Tree: Oak TREE	Trim Remove_
5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from	the ground: 54 INCLES Height 85-100 R
6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Req	quested: DEStroying Reve, this
will Make Third Time C	
	Bruce Extra
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Owi	ner – if different from applicant
The above application is (Approved, Disappr	oved) thisday of
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P. O. Box 1827 – M	obile, Alabama 36633-1827
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Application P-2015-014 Date July 21, 2015

Location East side of Huffman Drive East, 232'± North of Oakleigh Trace Ct

Request Remove 1 Water Oak tree



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