

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: July 21, 2015****APPLICANT NAME**

Bruce Ligon

LOCATION2417 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
COMMENTS**

Based upon a second site visit and inspection of the 48" 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
COMMENTS**

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.

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
OFFICE OF TREE COMMISSION

Application No: P-2015-14
Date: July 21, 2015 Meeting

1. Applicant: Name Bruce Ligon
Address 2417 EAST HUFFMAN DR
Mobile, Alabama
Telephone Number 251 666-1080
2. Owner (if different from applicant): Name Bruce Ligon
Address 2417 EAST HUFFMAN DR
Mobile, Alabama
Telephone Number 251 680-2386
3. Location of Tree: 2417 East HUFFMAN DR (Back-YARD)
4. Type of Tree: Oak TREE Trim ☐ Remove ☒
5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 54 inches Height 85-100 Feet
6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: DESTROYING FENCE, THIS
will Make Third Time ON fence Repair
- Applicant Bruce Ligon
Owner - if different from applicant Bruce Ligon

bruce_ligon@yahoo.com

The above application is (Approved, Disapproved) this _____ day of _____.

Chairman of the Tree Commission

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Form 158UF004

Mobile Tree Commission



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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