

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: March 24, 2015****APPLICANT NAME**

Kenneth Wiggins

LOCATION1811 Calmes St
(Southeast corner of Calmes St and Lessene St)**REQUEST**

Remove a 28" Pine Tree

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 2

PRESENT ZONING

R-1, Single-Family Residential

HEALTH OF TREE

Healthy, with minor deadwood in lower canopy

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

Previously approved, but no action taken.

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

The 28" Pine Tree's health remains unchanged from the previous 2013 application, with minor deadwood within the lower canopy

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

None

MAWSS

None

ANALYSIS

An identical request was submitted for the April 2013, Mobile Tree Commission meeting. At that time Urban Forestry recommended denial of the request as the tree was basically healthy and the applicant submitted no documentation that the Pine Tree was the cause of the alleged foundation issues or the buckling of the sidewalk.

The Tree Commission approved the application subject to conditions that the work be done by a licensed and bonded contractor and it be at the applicant's expense. The applicant never pursued removal of the tree, and the approval/permit has since expired.

Based on comments from Urban Forestry and the application as submitted, it appears that there has been no change in conditions or circumstance from the April 2013 approval. Therefore, there should be no change in action by the Mobile Tree Commission.

RECOMMENDATION Based on the preceding, it is recommended that this application be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. All work is to be done by a licensed and bonded contractor;
2. All work is to be done at the applicant's expense; and
3. All work in the right-of-way requires a Right-of-Way Permit.

April 21 Meeting:

The application was heldover from the March 24th meeting to allow the applicant to provide documentation (photos) that tree roots are damaging the residential structure. To date, no photos have been submitted to staff for inclusion in the report. It is assumed that it is the applicant's intent to present the photos to the Tree Commission at the meeting.

Even if the applicant can document damage is being caused by the tree roots, had the tree been removed under the 2013 approval for permit, any damage would have ceased at that time. It was the applicant's choice to not act upon the previous approval.

Further, if the root has indeed created damage to the residential structure, there are other options available for stopping/blocking the root from further encroaching and causing more damage.

RECOMMENDATION Based on the preceding, at this time there is no justification for a change to the staff recommendation. Therefore, it is recommended that this application be approved subject to the following conditions:

4. All work is to be done by a licensed and bonded contractor;
5. All work is to be done at the applicant's expense; and
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. _____
Date: 2-24-14

1. Applicant:

Name: Kenneth Wiggins

Address: 1811 Collins St

Mobile Zip Code: 36606

E-mail: _____

Telephone Number: (251) 474-7452

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: Kenneth Wiggins

Address: 1811 Collins St

Mobile Zip Code: 36606

E-mail: _____

Telephone Number: (251) 474-7452

3. Location of Tree: 1811 Collins St City Council District: _____

4. Type of Tree: Pine Tree Trim: _____ Remove: ☒

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: _____ Height: _____

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: UP ROOTING HOME

Also Street

Kenneth Wiggins
Applicant

Application Fee - None

Owner - if different from applicant

Applicant must be present at meeting to represent request.

All supporting information must be submitted with the application (Four Copies) by filing date.

Appeals must be made in writing to the City of Mobile Planning Commission within 15 days of the meeting.

Major projects involving multiple trees may be held over to the following month's agenda due to the time required by staff to investigate.

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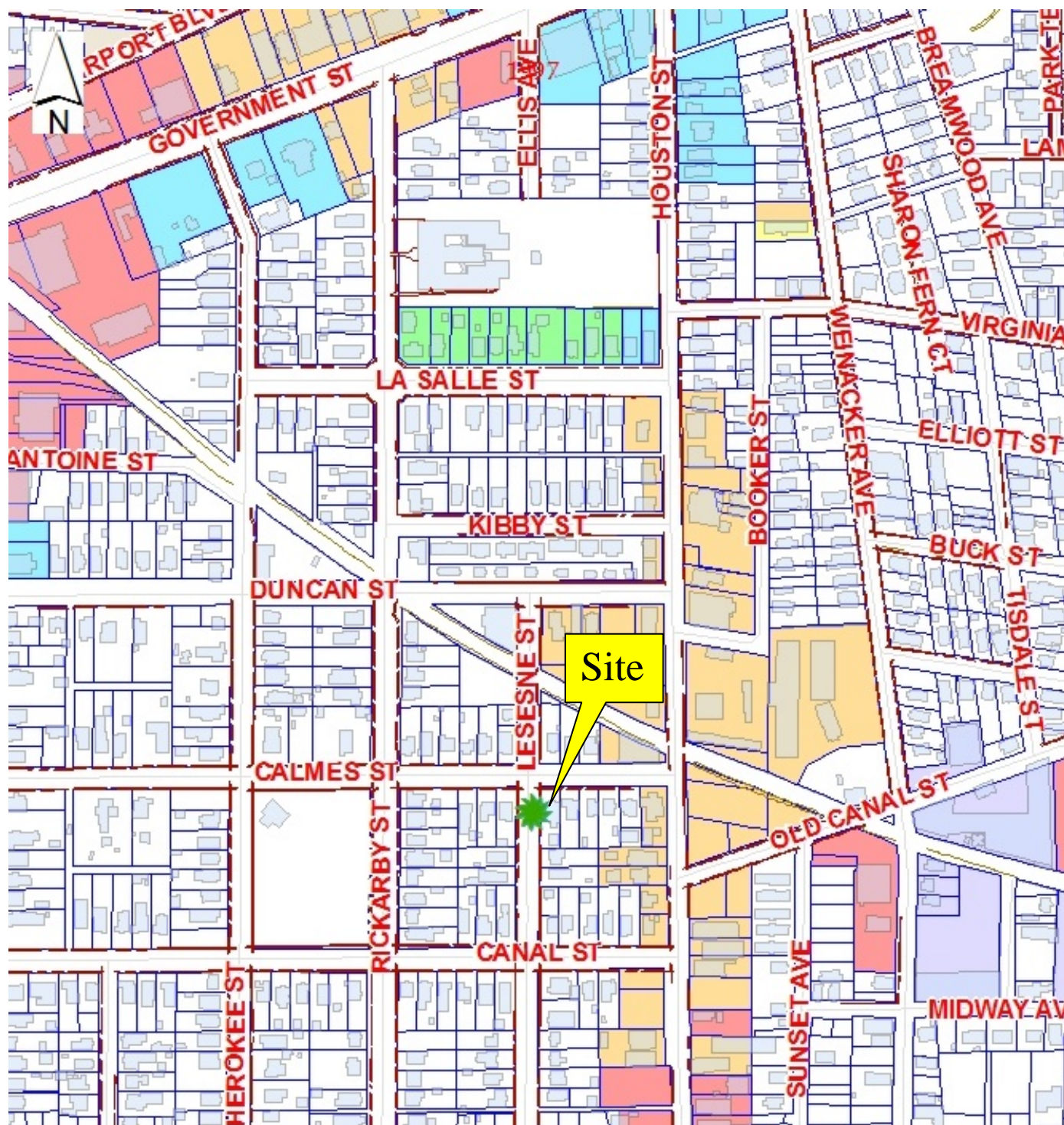
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Mobile Tree Commission



Application P-2015-010

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