

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT****Date: February 16, 2016****APPLICANT NAME**M Don Williams for Mike Loewn,  
Gulf Coast Hubcaps and Wheels**LOCATION**3257 Spring Hill Ave  
(Southwest corner of Spring Hill Ave and Durant St)**REQUEST**Remove 2 Bradford Pear Trees (one after the fact), and 2  
Palm Trees.**CITY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT**

District 1

**PRESENT ZONING**

B-3

**HEALTH OF TREE**The Bradford Pear is beginning to fail, and the two Palms  
are in less than desirable health.**CONTRIBUTING  
FACTORS**

The trees are under power lines.

**ENGINEERING  
COMMENTS**

None Submitted

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING  
COMMENTS**

None Submitted

**URBAN FORESTRY  
COMMENTS**

Urban Forestry recommends approval of the application as the Bradford pear has very weak branch Attachments and have begun to break; the palms are under the power lines and AL Power prefer that they be removed. Coordination with Urban Forestry would be required so replacement trees could be planted elsewhere on the property. The problem historically has been there is little green space available. Agent for the applicant was to provide an updated landscape/tree plan.

**PLANNING  
COMMENTS**

The private property adjacent to the trees in question has had multiple issues over the last 5-10-15 years, not the least of which has been the removal of

right-of-way trees without permits. The applicant is now working towards bringing the site into compliance with various city codes, which may require some tree plantings on site.

## **MAWSS**

None Submitted

## **ANALYSIS**

Without going into extraneous details regarding the overall site, it should be noted that the applicant is working under a Court Order to bring the site into compliance with variance city codes due to several projects occurring over a number of years without benefit of any approvals or permits.

The applicant is now requesting permission to remove three trees, one Bradford Pear and two Palms, and after the fact permission for removal of one Bradford Pear due to being hit by a car.

Given the types of trees, their location under power lines, and their health, removal as recommended by Urban Forestry would be appropriate. Also given the fact that earlier trees were removed without permits or justification (exclusive of the tree hit by a car), replanting would also be appropriate.

As a side note, the applicant failed to submit the location plan and photos as noted on the application form as being required. Photos in this report were obtained from Google Street View. Since there are historical photos for 2011 and 2007 available, those were included to illustrate that other trees have been removed without permits – specifically two Palms, not just the one Bradford Pear that was hit by a car and removed, as noted by the applicant.

In 2007 there were six trees in front of the site; currently there are 3 trees in front of the site. It appears that between 2007 and 2013 the above referenced Bradford Pear and two Palm trees were removed without permits. The 2013 photos illustrate the three remaining trees – one Bradford Pear and two small Palms.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

- 1** Tree removal to be done at by a licensed and bonded, line clearing certified arborist, to be approved by Urban Forestry and APCO, at the applicant/property owner's expense;
- 2** Stump to be ground and right-of-way to be restored to an acceptable landscaped condition;
- 3** All work in the right-of-way will require a right-of-way permit from the City of Mobile;
- 4** A minimum of six (6) replacement trees to be provided and installed by the property owner, with species and location to be coordinated with Urban Forestry, Traffic Engineering, and Engineering; Trees to be guaranteed and maintained by the applicant/property owner, his heirs and assigns.



## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE  
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 1/7/16

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1. Applicant:

Name: DON WILLIAMS  
Address: P.O. BOX 16305  
MOBILE Zip Code: 36616  
E-mail: MDWENGINEER@GMAIL.COM  
Telephone Number: 421-4849

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: MIKE LOEWEN - HUBCAPS & WHEELS  
Address: 3257 SPRING HILL AV  
MOBILE Zip Code: 36607  
E-mail: -  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Location of Tree: 3257 SPRING HILL AVE. City Council District: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Type of Tree: 2 PALM, 2 BRADFORD PEAR Trim: \_\_\_\_\_ Remove: ☒

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 12" Height: 30'

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

OVERHEAD POWER LINE ENTANGLEMENT

Applicant: Don Williams Owner - if different from applicant: Michael G. Soles

Application Fee - None

Applicant or Agent must be present at meeting to represent request.

All supporting information (photos, location plan, names and addresses of adjacent property owners and directly across the street - on mailing labels, along with postage fee and \$1.00 notification fee for each) must be submitted with the application (Four Copies) by filing date.

Appeals must be made in writing to the Mobile City Council within 15 days of the decision.

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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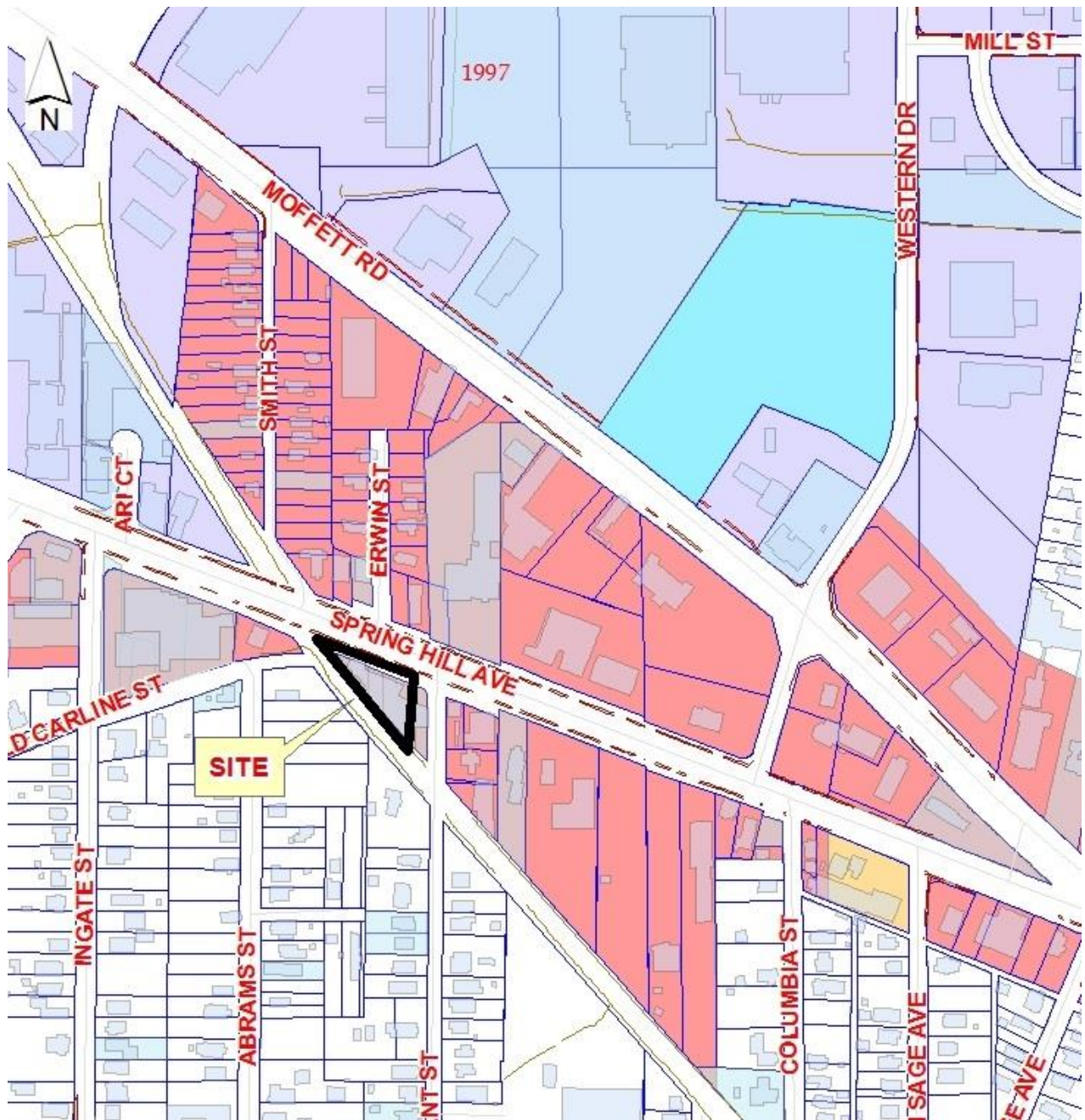
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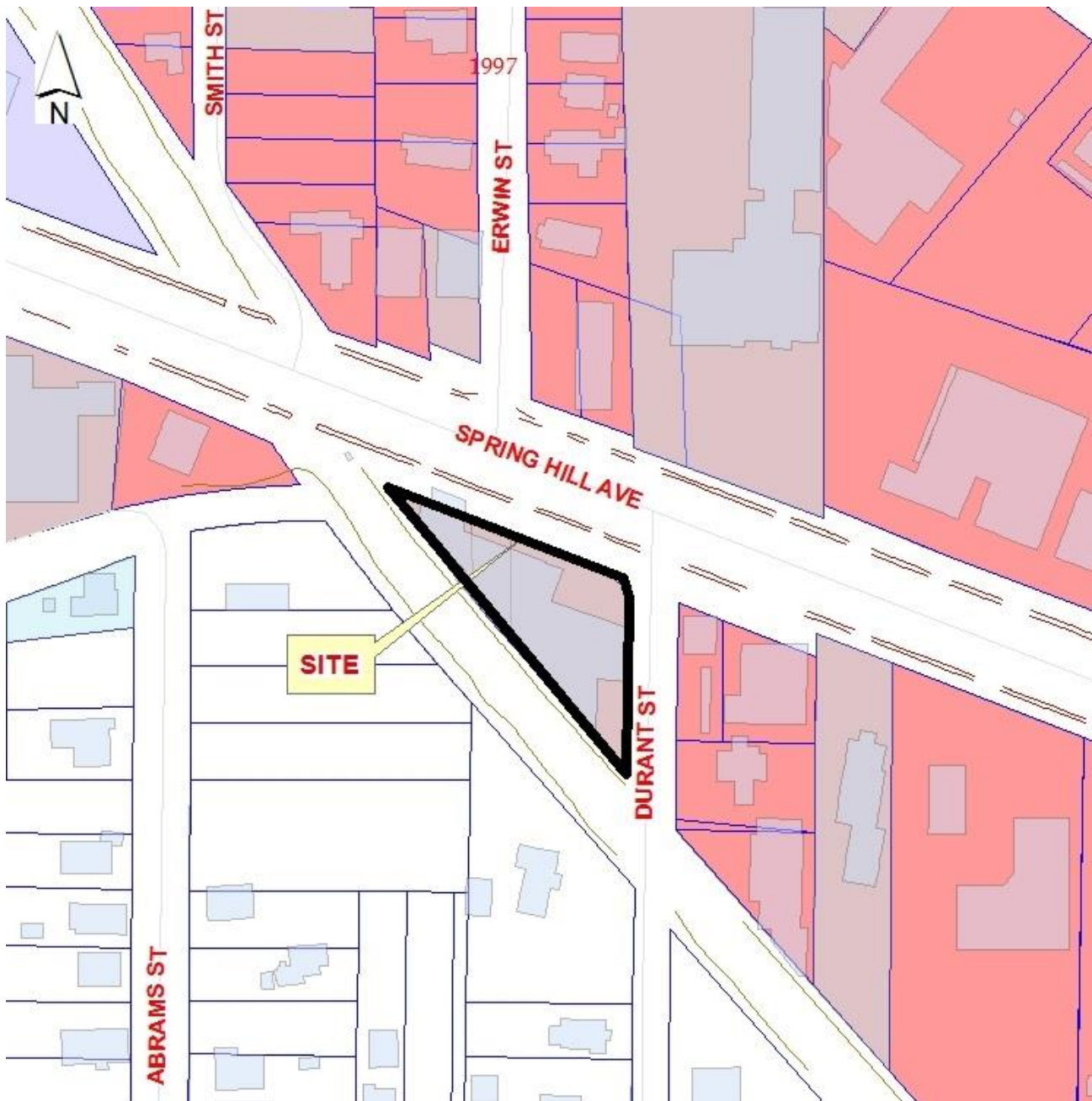
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3264 SpringHill Ave



Image capture: Jul 2013 © 2016 Google

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Street View - Jul 2013





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