#1 P-2015-008

### MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT Date: March 24, 2015

**APPLICANT NAME** Daniel Reimer

**LOCATION** 3763 Mordecai Ln

(South side of Mordecai Ln, 120'+ East of Dilston Ln)

**REQUEST** Remove 2 Bradford Pear trees

**CITY COUNCIL** 

**DISTRICT** District 7

**PRESENT ZONING** R-1, Single-Family Residential

**HEALTH OF TREE** The two Bradford Pears have several branches with included bark which in turn creates weak branch attachments. There are areas on the tree where limbs have broken and more are beginning to fail. Urban Forestry recommends approval of the request for removal of the two Bradford Pear trees.

### **CONTRIBUTING**

**FACTORS** The applicant plans to relandscape the front of the property,

including tree plantings.

**ENGINEERING** 

**COMMENTS** None

## **TRAFFIC ENGINEERING**

**COMMENTS** 

**URBAN FORESTRY** 

**COMMENTS** None

### **PLANNING**

COMMENTS The applicant is requesting approval to remove two Bradford Pears to allow for a new landscape plan of the front yard. There was some question as to whether the trees are actually in the right-of-way or on private property. The property owner stated that he has measured from the rear property line and the trees do in fact fall within the right-of-way.

MAWSS None

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ANALYSIS As indicated by Urban Forestry comments, the trees have included bark, which is typical of Bradford Pears. The trees have already lost some branches due to the included bark, and will continue to do so. This is one of the reasons that Bradford Pears are not a desirable or recommended species.

Additionally, given the age of the trees, they are close to the end of their expected life cycle. Therefore, removal would be considered appropriate, and in keeping with several other applications that have been approved in the general Spring Hill community.

**RECOMMENDATION** Based on the preceding, it is recommended that this request 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.



#### APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE MOBILE TREE COMMISSION	Application No.  Date: 2-12-15
1. Applicant:	2. Owner (if different from applicant):
Name: DANIEL REIMER	Name:
Address: 3763 MORDECAL	LN Address:
MB14 Zip Code: 36608	Zip Code:
E-mail: dan, e, reimeregmail	E-mail:
Telephone Number: cell 716-6700	
4. Type of Tree: 2 Red mapa on u	City Council District:  rest edger
5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet fro	om the ground: $\frac{14!'-18''}{18!}$ Height: $\frac{14!'-18''}{18!}$ Height: $\frac{14!'-18''}{18!}$
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Want to replace we	The fresh landscapunge See ema
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cation Fee - None	Owner – if different from applicant
cant must be present at meeting to represent	request.
	h the application (Four Copies) by filing date.
pporting information must be submitted with	

P. O. Box 1827 - Mobile, Alabama 36633-1827

e-mail: Planning@cityofmobile.org

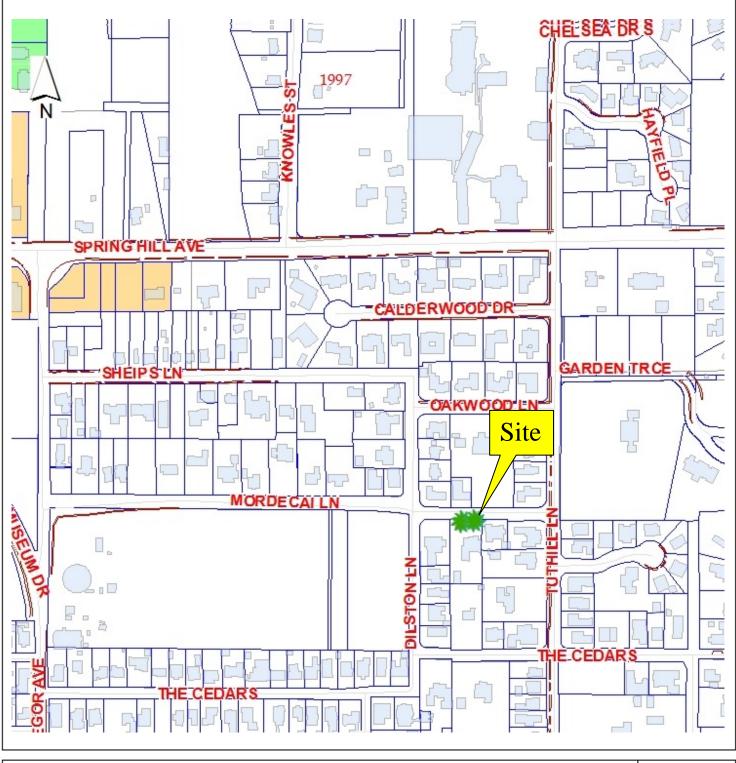
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Fax: 251/208-5896

due to the time required by staff to investigate.

Telephone: 251/208-5895

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