

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

Kent H Broom

LOCATION

1563 Spring Hill Avenue

REQUEST

Remove one 22" DBH Pecan Tree

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 2

PRESENT ZONING

B-1, Buffer Business

HEALTH OF TREE

Healthy

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

Relocation of curb cut

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

right-of-way permit.

Any work performed in the right-of-way will require a

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

approved by ALDOT.

Drive way must conform to AASHTO standards and be

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS****PLANNING
COMMENTS**

The applicant is proposing the expansion of a parking lot for McGill Toolen High School. As part of the expansion, the existing curb cut to Spring Hill Avenue is to be modified. This modification, which is necessary for safety and has been approved by ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation), necessitates the removal of the 22" Pecan Tree.

MAWSS

None Provided

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting permission to remove a 22" DBH Pecan Tree to allow modification to a driveway for a parking lot expansion for McGill Toolen High School.

As illustrated in the photos, the tree has obviously been stuck by vehicles in the past, and has a significant area of damage and lost bark at its base. Also illustrated in the photos are several dead limbs at the top of the tree. Please note, the photos are from Google Street View, and were taken June 2014, which is why there is foliage on the tree and the dead limbs are obvious.

While the remainder of the tree has foliage and may appear healthy, the damage at the base and dead limbs at the top indicate otherwise.

Spring Hill Avenue, also known as US Highway 98, is a Federal Highway and as such curb cuts are under the purview of ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation). ALDOT has reviewed the request for curb cuts for this site and proposed development as an expansion of a parking lot for McGill Toolen High School. ALDOT has approved a right-in/right-out curb cut at the proposed location. Given the proximity of curb cuts in either direction, it is unlikely that the curb cut could be relocated to accommodate the tree in question.

RECOMMENDATION Based on the preceding, it is recommended that this application be approved, and removal of the tree be placed on Urban Forestry's rotation list. Should the applicant desire removal before Urban Forestry can accommodate the request, it is further recommended that the applicant be allowed to have the tree removed, including removal of the stump, at the applicant's expense.



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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
OFFICE OF TREE COMMISSION

Application No. _____
Date: 1/28/2015

1. Applicant:

Name: Kent H. Broom

Address: P.O. Box 2128

Daphne, AL. Zip Code: 36526

E-mail: Kent@Kentbroom.com

Telephone Number: 251-621-9141

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: McGill Tolen Catholic High School

Address: 1501 Old Shell Road

Mobile, AL. Zip Code: 36604

E-mail: Shieldsb@McGill.Pvt.K12.AL.
CKS

Telephone Number: 251-432-0784

3. Location of Tree: 1563 Springhill Ave., Mobile, AL City Council District: _____
36604

4. Type of Tree: PECAN TREE Trim: _____ Remove: X

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 22" Height: 40'hr

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: For future Access Driveway
from Springhill Ave to New Proposed Parking lot AND for
the safety & welfare for
vehicles entering & exiting New
Parking lot.

Kent H. Broom
Applicant

Owner – if different from applicant

Application Fee - None

Applicant must be present at meeting to represent request.

All supporting information must be submitted with the application 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.

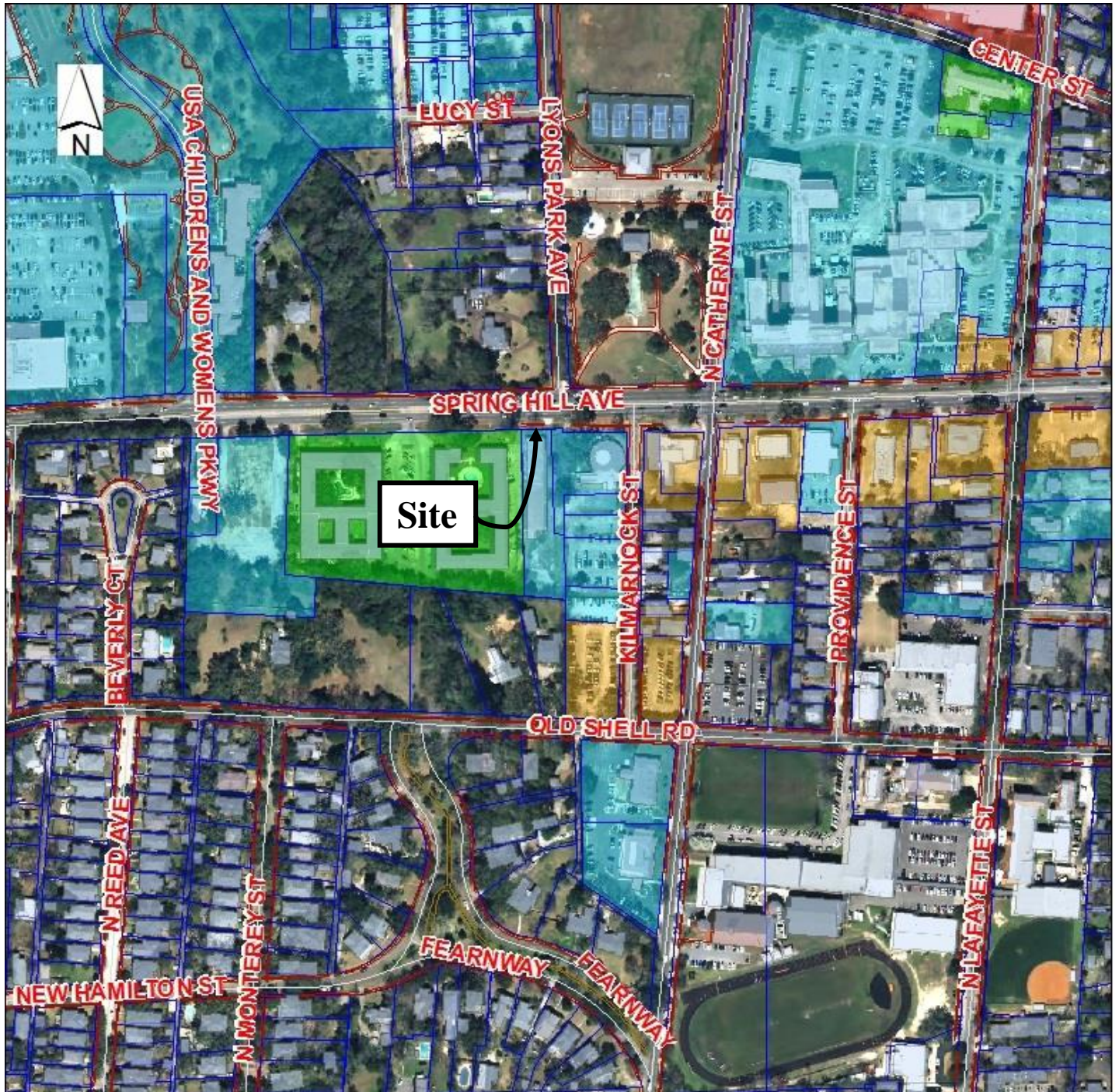
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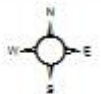


Application P-2015-005

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Request Removal of one Pecan tree



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