

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: September 15, 2015****APPLICANT NAME**

Queennie Campbell-Thomas

LOCATION1072 Lubel Avenue
(East side of Lubel Avenue, 53'± South of Prichard Avenue)**REQUEST**

Removal of a 70" Live Oak

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 1

PRESENT ZONING

R-1, Single-Family Residential

HEALTH OF TREE

Good condition, some deadwood throughout the tree, but no observed decay and minimal health concerns.

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

The tree is growing into overhead power lines, which requires regular maintenance by Alabama Power. Extensive tree roots are at the surface, both in the right-of-way and into the adjacent property, covering much of the front yard. The applicant notes that plumbing and sewage problems have occurred, attributed to the tree roots.

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

There is dead wood present throughout the canopy, however, the canopy is full with no decay seen in the trunk. There are extensive surface roots covering the r-o-w on each side of the tree and extending into the front yard of the adjacent property. The trimming by Alabama Power and the limited green space available for growth will limit the full potential of the tree.

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

Options to mitigate problems associated with the root system are limited, given the size of the tree and the extent of the root system.

MAWSS

None

ANALYSIS

Forestry has indicated that the tree is healthy, but that tree roots are at the surface, are extensive, and extend into the adjacent front yard and possibly under the foundation of the house. The applicant states that they have had plumbing and sewer problems due to the extensive root system of the tree.

Generally, the Commission does not approve the removal of healthy trees – especially trees such as a Live Oak.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding, it is recommended that the Commission consider all aspects of the request, weighing the public benefits of the tree versus the private property concerns.

Should the Commission decide to allow for the removal of the tree, all work should be coordinated with Urban Forestry and, due to the overhead power lines, Alabama Power.

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
OFFICE OF TREE COMMISSIONApplication No: SRD# 726 779
Date: 9-1-15

1. Applicant:

Name Campbell
Queenie & ThomasAddress 1072 Lubel Ave
Mobile, Ala. 36617Telephone Number 251) 991-6423

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

3. Location of Tree: front yard / ROW4. Type of Tree: Live Oak Trim _____ Remove X5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 70" Height 20"6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: Several falls over the roots;
Cost of plumbing from roots growing into plumbing lines, No yard,
walk way or driveway from roots
Applicant Queenie Campbell

Owner - if different from applicant _____

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

Chairman of the Tree Commission _____

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Mobile Tree Commission

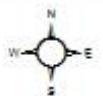


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