

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: September 20, 2016****APPLICANT NAME**Sharon James
Jeffery S Bryant, Owner**LOCATION**4719 Firestone Drive S
(South side of Firestone Drive S, 200' ± East of Regal Drive)**REQUEST**

Remove Two Palm Trees

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 6

PRESENT ZONING

R-1, Single Family Residential

HEALTH OF TREE

The trees are in good health

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

N/A

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

The Washingtonian Palms are in very good health with no defects seen in the trunks or canopies. The only work needed in the trees is to remove the dead frons.

For these reasons, Urban Forestry recommends denial to remove the palms

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

While the palms may be unattractive at this time, it is largely due to lack of maintenance. If the dead frons are removed, the palms will look much better.

MAWSS

N/A

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting approval to remove two palms (Washingtonian Palms). The applicant contends that removal is necessary due to the proximity of

the trees to the MAWSS water line; the trees are overgrown and an eyesore; and the applicant is having difficulty finding someone to trim them.

The root system of palms is generally compact in area, and the roots are not as thick or strong as those of other types of trees such as oaks, cedar, or even crepe myrtle. In addition, the applicant has submitted no documentation to support a claim that the trees are detrimental to the MAWSS water line, now has anything been submitted by MAWSS to support the claim.

There was no information provided to illustrate the businesses that were contacted and declined to trim the trees in question. Further, as the trees are in the right-of-way, if the applicant were to call 311 and turn in a Service Request Order (SRO), Urban Forestry would trim the dead frons from the trees. Because this is not an emergency or a safety issue, it could be 60-90 days before the SRO would be in the Urban Forestry queue for the actual trimming to occur.

RECOMMENDATION **Based on the preceding, this request is recommended for denial. It is further recommended that the applicant be advised to call 311 and submit a Service Request Order.**

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
MOBILE TREE COMMISSIONApplication No. _____
Date: August 11, 2016

1. Applicant:

Name: Sharon James
Address: 4719 Firestone Dr. S.
Mobile, AL Zip Code: 36609
E-mail: j.Sharon467@yahoo.com
Telephone Number: 251-490-2509

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: Jeffery S. Bryant
Address: 4719 Firestone Dr. S.
Mobile, AL Zip Code: 36609
E-mail: _____
Telephone Number: 251-272-66433. Location of Tree: Between the street and Sidcan 1K City Council District: _____4. Type of Tree: Palms Trees Trim: _____ Remove: ☒5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: _____ Height: 15 feet6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: The trees are too close to the MAWSSwater meter. The trees are overgrown and an eyesore. Having a hard time finding someone to trim them.
Applicant: Sharon James Owner: Jeffery S. Bryant if different from applicantApplication Fee - NoneApplicant or Agent must be present at meeting to represent request.All supporting information (photos, location plan, names and addresses of the applicant, property owner, 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 (Two 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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