

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: November 21, 2017**

<u>APPLICANT NAME</u>	Batiste Tree Service for John and Laura Rutherford
<u>LOCATION</u>	216 Grand Boulevard (East side of Grand Boulevard, 230'± South of Spring Hill Avenue)
<u>REQUEST</u>	Remove a 28" Pecan
<u>CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>	District 1
<u>PRESENT ZONING</u>	R-1, Single Family Residential
<u>HEALTH OF TREE</u>	The tree appears to be stressed and not in good condition
<u>CONTRIBUTING FACTORS</u>	N/A
<u>ENGINEERING COMMENTS</u>	None
<u>TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMENTS</u>	None
<u>URBAN FORESTRY COMMENTS</u>	Urban Forestry recommends removal request be approved as the tree is in a state of decline.
<u>PLANNING COMMENTS</u>	None.
<u>MAWSS</u>	N/A
<u>ANALYSIS</u>	The applicant is requesting removal of the 28" pecan tree, stating that it has been severely trimmed over time due to its proximity to a light pole and power lines. The applicant goes on to say that the tree is no longer thriving.

Based upon review of photos submitted and a site visit, the tree does appear to be stressed due to trimming over the years and the limited space in which the tree is located. Given the existing

conditions, it is unlikely that the health of the tree will improve – if anything, it will continue to be stressed since it will continue to be trimmed and the planting area will not increase.

It is the policy of the Commission that when removals are approved, replanting at a two to one ration is to be required. While the Right Tree Right Place document has not be finalized and adopted by the City, given the limited planting area and the overhead power line(s), any replantings should be understory trees that fall within the group that would fit within the limited planting area. As an alternative, the Commission may consider replanting of one tree and a donation to the tree bank in the amount of \$200.00 to defray the cost of acquisition and planting of another tree elsewhere in the City.

RECOMMENDATION **Based on the preceding, this request is recommended for approval subject to the following:**

1. Due to the proximity to power lines, removal is to be performed by a Certified Line Clearing Arborist, at the owner's expense;
2. Stump to be ground and neutral ground to be restored, including placement of sod;
3. Planting of an understory tree in the right-of-way in front of 216 Grand Boulevard, at the owner's expense, species and location to be coordinated with the Right Tree Right Place list and the City Arborist;
4. Donation to the tree bank in the amount of \$200.00 to defray the cost of acquisition and planting of another tree elsewhere in the City;
5. All applicable permits must be obtained, including a Right-of-Way permit, prior to removal of the tree.



CITY OF MOBILE
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. MTC-0108 43-2017
Date: 10/17/17

1. Applicant:

Name: Battiste Tree Service, LLC
Address: P. O. Box 1567
Theodore Zip Code: 36590
E-mail: battistetreeservice@gmail.com
Telephone Number: 251-402-5819

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: John & Laura Rutherford
Address: 216 Grand Blvd
Mobile Zip Code: 36607
E-mail: srutherford@nortonlilly.com
Telephone Number: 251-391-7464

3. Location of Tree: Right front property line by light pole City Council District: 1

4. Type of Tree: Pecan Trim: Remove: X

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 28 in Height: 40 ft

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: Tree has been severely trimmed over time due to close proximity of light pole and power lines. Tree is no longer thriving.

[Signature]

Applicant

[Signature]

Owner – if different from applicant

*Application Fee - None

*Applicant 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.

If approved, work shall be performed by a licensed & bonded Arborist. Bond must be on file with the Planning Department. Permit to be obtained from Planning Department after appeal period expires with no appeal.

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 until the next month's agenda due to the time required to investigate

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BILLING CONTACT

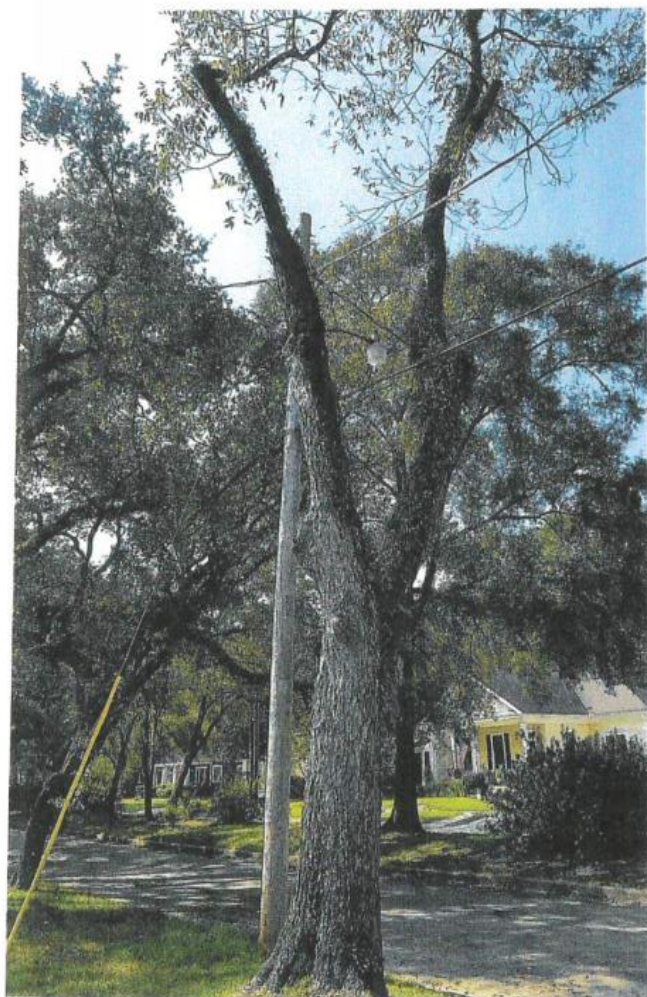
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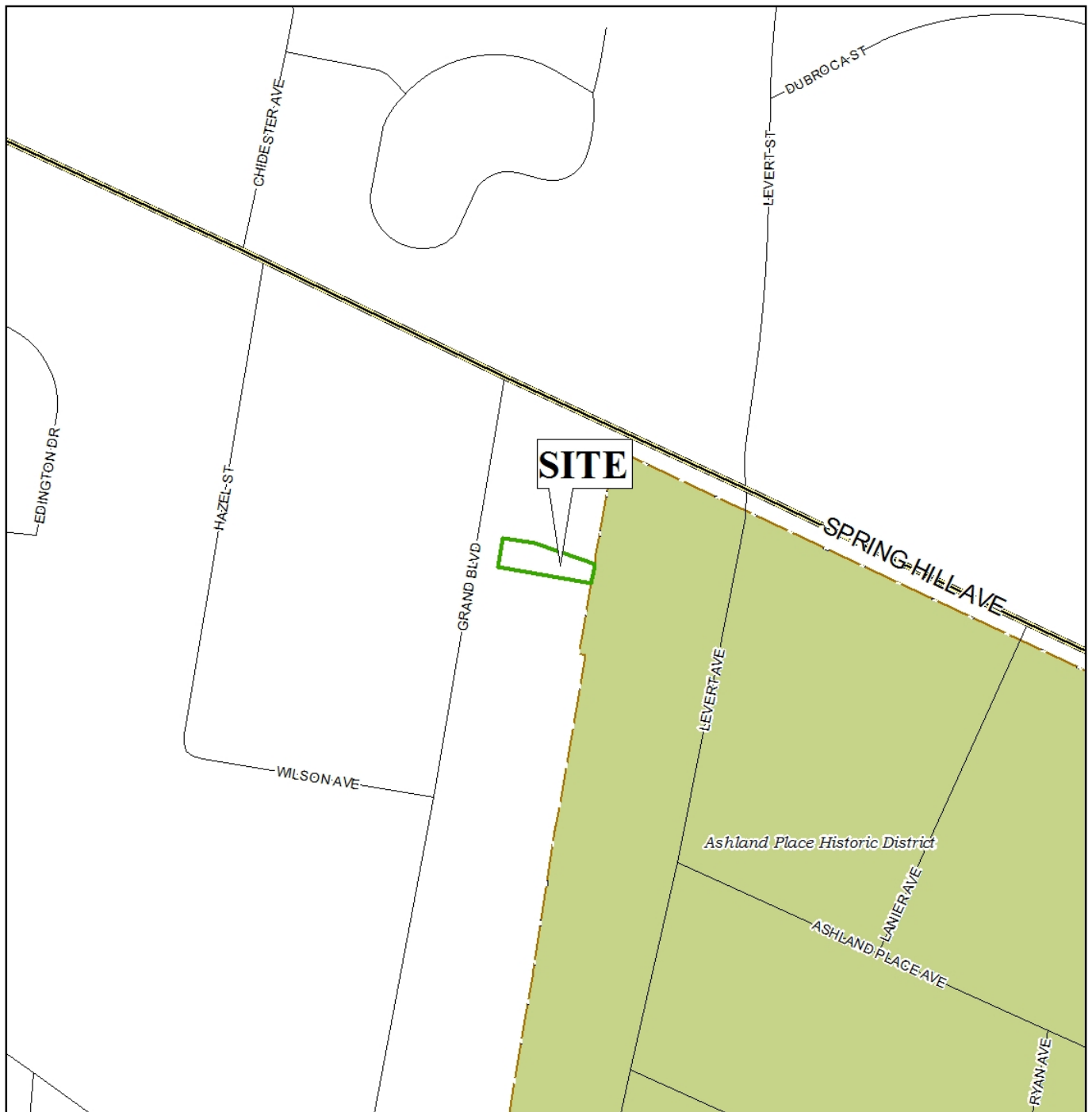
REFERENCE NUMBER	FEE NAME	TRANSACTION TYPE	PAYMENT METHOD	AMOUNT PAID
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MTC-010843-2017	ZON - Plan & Zon Notification Fee PLF002 - PERMITS	Fee Payment	Cash	\$5.00
	ZON - USPS First Class Postage PLF002 - PERMITS	Fee Payment	Cash	\$2.45
SUB TOTAL				\$7.45

TOTAL \$7.45



MOBILE TREE COMMISSION LOCATOR MAP



Application MTC-010843-2017 Date November 21, 2017
 Location 216 Grand Boulevard
 Request Remove a 28" Pecan

1 inch = 250 feet



MOBILE TREE COMMISSION VICINITY MAP



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1 inch = 83 feet



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