

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: February 21, 2017****APPLICANT NAME**

Henry H. Pope

LOCATION3761 Government Boulevard
(South side of Government Boulevard, 200'± West of the
terminus of Butler Drive)**REQUEST**

Remove five 8" Bradford Pears

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 4

PRESENT ZONING

Community Business District

HEALTH OF TREE

The trees appear to be in reasonably good health

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

N/A

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

Urban Forestry recommends denial of the permit to remove the Bradford Pear Trees because of sign blockage and the view of the building being limited. The trees are average Bradford Pears, with a plethora of weak branch attachments. The canopy can be trimmed to help with some of the concerns.

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

Based on aerial photos, it appears that the building was constructed between 1984 and 1997. Some of the trees appear to be there in the 1997 aerial photo, and all are definitely in the 2002 aerials. This raises the question as to whether the trees were required at the time of construction or as a result of some other activity.

MAWSS

N/A

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting permission to remove five Bradford Pear trees that are located in the right-of-way. The application states that the reason for the request as “Unsightly, blocks view of building + sign”.

It has been the policy and practice of the Tree Commission to not approve requests when the main reason is to improve visibility of a sign or building. While Bradford Pear is not a desired or preferred species, they are the only trees at this location. If they are approved for removal, there will not be any trees in the immediate area, with the exception of some Crepe Myrtles and Bradford Pears in front of the property adjacent to the West. Such an approval could open the door for the neighboring property owner to make a similar request.

Further, Forestry Comments indicate that trimming the trees will address some of the issues.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding, this request is recommended for denial, and that the applicant be advised to call 311 and request that the trees be trimmed.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. _____
Date: _____

1. Applicant:

Name: HENRY H. POPE
Address: 3761 GOVERNMENT BLVD
MOBILE Zip Code: 36693
E-mail: hhpope@comcast.net
Telephone Number: 251-423-1797

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: _____
Address: _____
Zip Code: _____
E-mail: _____
Telephone Number: _____

3. Location of Tree: FRONT OF PROPERTY City Council District: 4

4. Type of Tree: BARTLETT PEAR (5) Trim: _____ Remove: ☒

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 8" Height: 10-12'

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: Unightly, Blocks
VIEW OF building & SIGNAGE.

Applicant: Henry H. Pope

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.

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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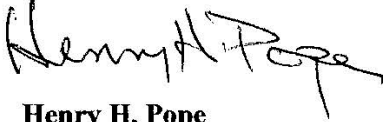
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Mr. Michael Molyneux
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Mobile, AL 36693

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Mailing labels for property owner and adjacent property owners.**
- 2. EXHIBIT A: Street view pictures of subject trees.**
- 3. EXHIBIT B: Eastern view pictures of subject trees.**
- 4. EXHIBIT C: Pictures of landscaping two addresses East of owner's property.**
- 5. EXHIBIT D: Sketch of proposed landscaping.**
- 6. \$6.00 check for three notification fees plus postage.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry H. Pope". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Henry H. Pope

Application for Permit

Hurd Pope <hhpope@comcast.net>

Mon 12/26/2016 5:01 PM

Inbox

To: Planning <planning@cityofmobile.org>;

12/16/16

TO: Mobile Tree Commission

FROM: Henry H. Pope

RE: Correction to Application For Permit

Reference is made to my recently submitted Application for Permit.

Please make the following correction/addendum to my application:

1. I incorrectly identified the pears trees in the application as "Bartlett Pears."
Instead, they are in fact "Bradford Pears."
2. Also, I failed to include my mailing address which is:

Henry H. Pope
5556 James Madison Dr. N.
Mobile, AL 36693

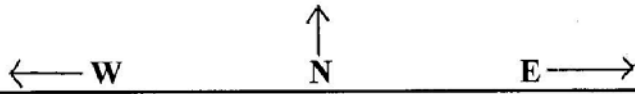
Please make this note a part of my application.

Thank you,

Henry H. Pope

12/7/16

Replied 12/27/16
Jw

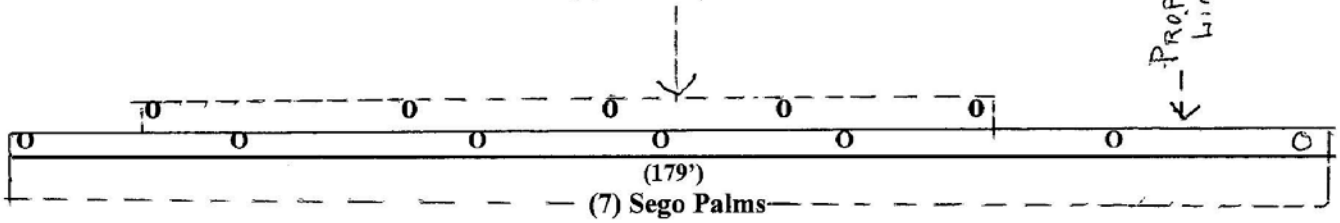


GOVERNMENT BLVD.

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

(5) Bartlett Pears

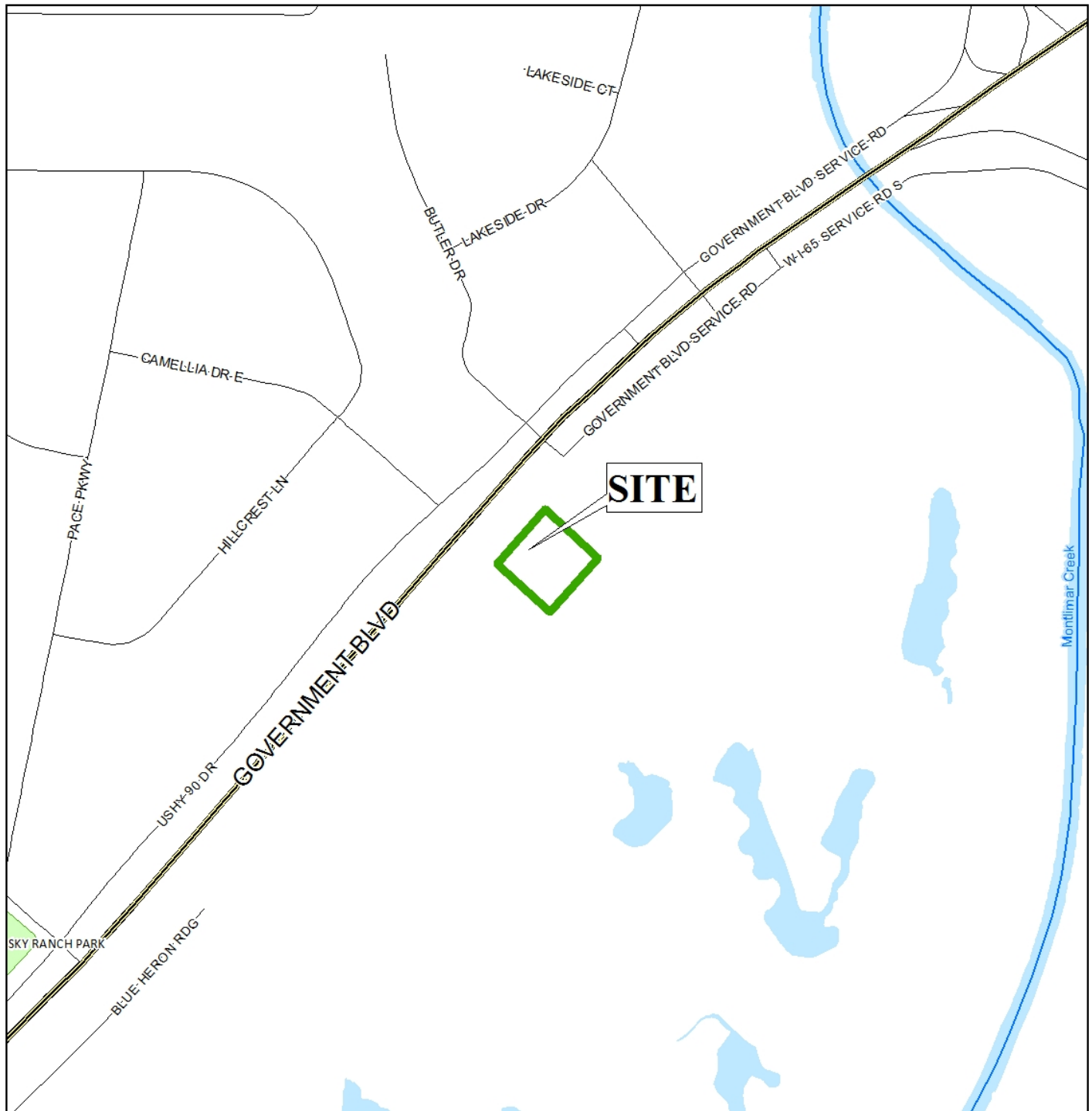
PROPERTY
LINE



PARKING LOT

BUILDING

MOBILE TREE COMMISSION LOCATOR MAP



Application P-2017-003 Date February 21, 2017

Location 3761 Government Boulevard

Request Remove five 8" Bradford Pears

1 inch = 500 feet



MOBILE TREE COMMISSION VICINITY MAP



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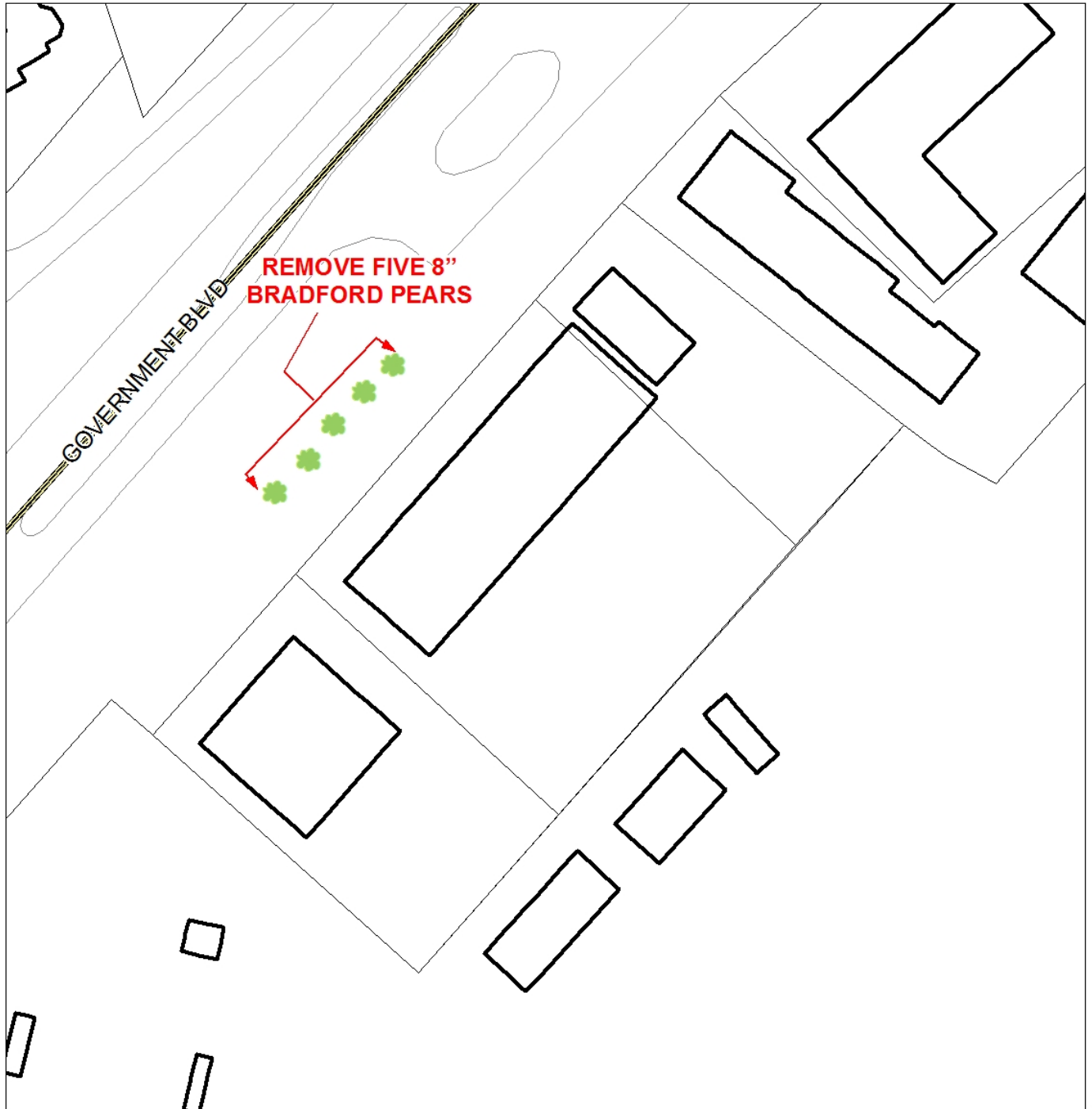
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Exhibit C L

