

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: April 21, 2015****APPLICANT NAME**

Andrew and Katherine Felis

LOCATION1009 Church Street
(South side of Church Street, 170'± East of Chatham Street)**REQUEST**

Remove 21" DBH Live Oak Tree located in the Church Street right-of-way, located in the Oakleigh Garden District.

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 2

PRESENT ZONING

R-1, Single-Family Residential

HEALTH OF TREE

The 21" live oak on the right-of-way is a healthy tree. There is no decay seen in the trunk or limbs of the tree as there is minor deadwood that has since been removed and low limbs that have been trimmed.

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

Applicant states that roots are invading the lateral to the house per video from Roto-Rooter, and are also coming close to the foundation of the house.

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

The surface roots are obviously a problem that have caused the side walk to be raised. Urban Forestry recommends to deny the request to remove the tree from the right-of way.

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

Possible selective root pruning could alleviate the issues with the lateral and proximity of roots to the foundation of the house.

**MAWSS
COMMENTS**

None

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting permission to remove a 21" DBH Live Oak tree from the city right-of-way. The applicant states that a video from Roto-Rooter illustrates the tree roots are invading the lateral to the house. There is also concern that the roots are approaching the foundation of the house.

Urban Forestry indicates that the tree is healthy; that there is no decay seen in the limbs or the trunk; and, that minor deadwood has been removed from the tree and lower limbs have been trimmed. Forestry also notes that the surface roots of the tree have raised the sidewalk.

In recent similar applications, the Tree Commission has denied the permit to remove the tree; instead, granting a permit for selective root pruning to be done by a licensed, certified arborist (at the applicant's expense) and coordinated with Urban Forestry.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding, it is recommended that a permit to allow selective root pruning be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. All pruning is to be done by a licensed, certified arborist;
2. All work is to be coordinated with Urban Forestry;
3. Any work in the right-of-way will require a right-of-way permit.



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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. _____
Date: 3/19/15

1. Applicant:

Name: Andrew and Kathryn Felis
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2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: Louis A + Patricia J Felis
Address: 954 Palmetto St
Mobile, AL Zip Code: 36604
E-mail: lfelis432@aol.com
Telephone Number: 251-432-0025

3. Location of Tree: Front/Easement/Right of Way City Council District: 2

4. Type of Tree: Live Oak Trim: _____ Remove: ☒

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 81" Height: 40'

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: Roots invading private sewer lateral per video inspection by Roto-Rooter. Also approaching foundation of house.

Kathryn Felis
Applicant

Patricia J. Felis
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 (Four Copies) 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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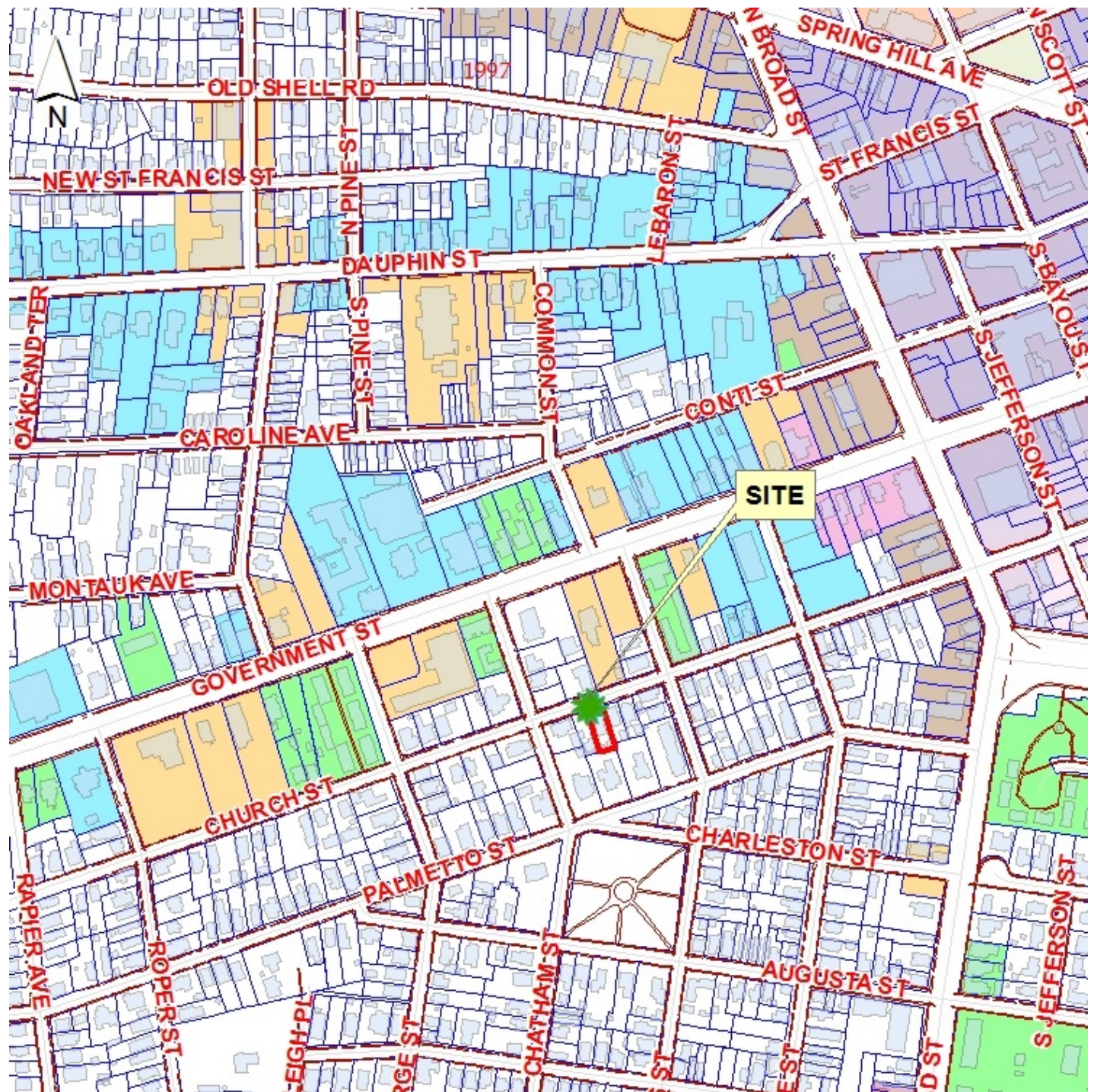
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