# 2 P-2015-005

#### MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT Date: February 24, 2015

**APPLICANT NAME** City of Mobile – Nick Amberger

**LOCATION** 2276 McVay Drive

**REQUEST**Remove two multi-trunk Crepe Myrtles, three 10" DBH

Pear trees, one 18" DBH Cedar, and one 30" DBH Pecan.

**CITY COUNCIL** 

**DISTRICT** District 3

**PRESENT ZONING** R-1, Single Family Residential

**HEALTH OF TREE** Healthy

**CONTRIBUTING** 

**FACTORS** Visibility/Line of Sight Obstructions

**ENGINEERING** 

**COMMENTS** Any work performed in the right-of-way will require a

right-of-way permit.

### TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

**COMMENTS** 

### URBAN FORESTRY

**COMMENTS** 

### **PLANNING**

<u>COMMENTS</u> The City of Mobile will be utilizing the site as a location for a litter trap at Eslava Creek. The litter trap(s) are part of the City of Mobile's Consent Decree relating to ADEM and our MS4 permit.

The trees in the right of way are not live oaks and are tree species that the Commission has looked at favorably for removal in the past. None of the trees to be removed would be considered specimen trees.

MAWSS None Provided

**ANALYSIS** The primary reason for the request to remove the trees in question is that of safety. As illustrated in the photographs, due to the curve in McVay Drive at

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this location, the line of sight for vehicles exiting the site is poor, especially when considering the vehicles that will be existing the site will be trash trucks containing debris that was collected from the litter trap(s).

In addition to the litter trap collection function, the city is also developing a kayak launch to provide recreational access to Eslava Creek.

It should also be noted that the pears are not a desirable species, and the Commission has looked favorably on removals of cedars and pecans in the past. The crepe myrtles in question have not been maintained and are not particularly valuable.

It should also be noted that the applications list the species of all tree to be removed, even on private property. The agenda and this report list the specific trees located in the right-of-way which are requested to be removed.

**RECOMMENDATION** While the trees in question may not be diseased, safety is paramount. Given the line of sight at this location, it is recommended that the request be approved.



#### APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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CITY OF MOBILE MOBILE TREE COMMISSION	Application No Date: 1-23-2015
1. Applicant:	2. Owner (if different from applicant):
Name: Nick Amberger - City of Mobile	Name: n/a
Address: PO Box 1827	Address:
Mobile, ALZip Code:36633-1827	Zip Code:
E-mail: nick.amberger@cityofmobile.org	E-mail:
Telephone Number: 251-208-7426	Telephone Number:
3. Location of Tree: 2276 McVay Drive Popcorn/Gum/Crepe/Cedar/Pecan/P	City Council District: 3
Popcorn/Gum/Crepe/Cedar/Pecan/P  4. Type of Tree: Pine (See Plans)	alm/Cypress/ Trim:Remove: X
5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the g	
6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested	d: The trees along the street cause site
obstructions. The other trees must be moved to allow clear	
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**Applica** 

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.

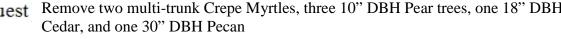
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