

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT****Date: September 20, 2016****APPLICANT NAME**

Rob Myers/Hutchinson, Moore &amp; Rauch, LLC

**LOCATION**2989 Dauphin Street  
(South side of Dauphin Street, 150'± East of Sage Avenue)**REQUEST**

Trim Two Live Oaks and Remove One Live Oak

**CITY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT**

District 1

**PRESENT ZONING**

B-2, Neighborhood Business

**HEALTH OF TREE**

The trees appear to be in good health

**CONTRIBUTING  
FACTORS**

N/A

**ENGINEERING  
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING  
COMMENTS**

The site driveway in general is consistent with the 2008 plan, and follows our recommendation to only allow a single right-in, right-out driveway for both sites (the proposed site and a future development on the corner lot). The location of the driveway is best located at or near the dividing property line, at a point between the signalized intersection to the west and the median opening to the east. The driveway might could be shifted to the west to avoid Tree #2, but then would be further impacting the critical root zone of Tree #1.

Tree trimming for Tree #1 is appropriate for the need to improve line of sight for vehicles exiting the driveway. Tree trimming for Tree #4 and Tree #5 is questionable based on driveway safety, since the driveway is right out only, and does not specifically require a line of sight to the east.

**URBAN FORESTRY  
COMMENTS**

The driveway will be 4'± from the tree to be removed, which does necessitate removal of the tree. The tree is healthy, therefore, according to policy, must be replaced with two trees. Given the number of trees currently in the Dauphin Street right-of-way, planting of the replacement trees in that area is not practical. Since plans for the remaining lots have not yet been developed, it would be ill advised to have them planted along Sage Avenue. The applicant has been advised that a donation to the tree bank for these trees may be required.

**PLANNING  
COMMENTS**

There is a pending Planned Unit Development application before the Planning Commission that will be considered on October 20th. One of the reasons for that application is to allow the curb cut as proposed. Based on the overall site for the PUD, the location of the driveway as proposed has been reviewed by all relevant city departments and determined to be the most appropriate location.

Given this determination, it is likely that the PUD will be approved.

**MAWSS**

N/A

**ANALYSIS**

As stated above, the applicant is requesting approval for the removal of one live oak and permission to trim two others. The reason is the location of a new driveway to Dauphin Street falls within 4' of the tree to be removed, and the trimming is to improve line of sight for vehicles entering and existing the site.

Not only is the proposed location of the drive the most advantageous for this particular property, but also for the PUD as a whole. In addition, the applicant has indicated that the trees were considered in the site layout and the proposed location negatively impacted only one tree as opposed to shifting it in either direction (east or west) would have caused it to then impact two trees. Therefore, the location as proposed was chosen.

The applicant has been made aware of the policy of a two for one replacement when healthy trees are removed. As stated above, a donation to the tree bank would be more appropriate for this site than an actual replanting in the immediate vicinity.

Given the pending PUD application, if the removal is approved, the approval should be contingent upon approval of the PUD by the Planning Commission, with no work to occur in the interim. As for the trimming request, Forestry has indicated that the trees in question need to be cleaned and trimmed up, and that if timing allows Forestry may be able to perform the trimming under an SRO. However, if timing does not work, the applicant would like the ability to hire someone to trim the trees.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the preceding, the request for the removal on one Live Oak is recommended for APPROVAL, subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval of the PUD by the Planning Commission;
2. No work to occur until after the PUD has been approved and the appeal period has expired;
3. Donation of two trees to the tree bank;
4. All work is to be coordinated with Urban Forestry, and if necessary APCO; and
5. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit.

It is further recommended that the trimming of two Live Oaks be approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Approval of the PUD by the Planning Commission;**
- 2. No work to occur until after the PUD has been approved and the appeal period has expired;**
- 3. If the trees are not trimmed by Urban Forestry, all work must be done by a licensed and bonded arborist, and coordinated with Urban Forestry;**
- 4. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit.**



## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE  
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Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Applicant:**

Name: Rob Myers/Hutchinson, Moore & Rauch, LLC  
Address: 3511 Irene Street  
Mobile, AL Zip Code: 36608  
E-mail: rob@myers-enterprises.com  
Telephone Number: 251-345-1841

**2. Owner (if different from applicant):**

Name: Hancock Bank of Alabama (Whitney Bank)  
Address: 5500 Prytania St Pmb 521  
New Orleans, LA Zip Code: 70115  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: 504-866-6506

3. Location of Tree: 2989 Dauphin Street City Council District: 1

4. Type of Tree: Live Oak (#1) Trim: ☒ Remove: ☐

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 36" Height: approx 30ft

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: Provide adequate safety seeing sight distance for turnout in proposed commercial development.

*Rob Myers*  
Applicant

See Attached Letter  
Owner – if different from applicant

**Application Fee - None**

**Applicant or Agent must be present at meeting to represent request.**

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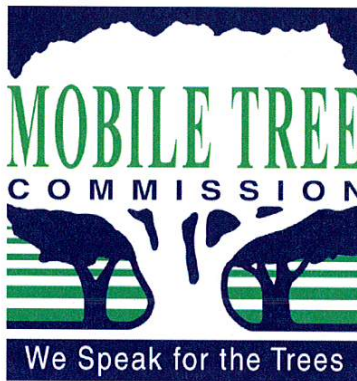
**Major projects involving multiple trees may be held over to the following month's agenda due to the time required by staff to investigate.**

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3. Location of Tree: 2989 Dauphin Street City Council District: 1  
4. Type of Tree: Live Oak (#2) Trim: \_\_\_\_\_ Remove: X  
5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 36" Height: approx 30ft  
6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: To provide adequate room for  
installation of commercial turnout as well as increase safety sight distance.  
See Attached Letter  
Applicant *Rob Myers* Owner – if different from applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant: [Signature] Owner – if different from applicant: See Attached Letter

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4. Type of Tree: Live Oak (#5) Trim: ☒ Remove: ☐

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 30" Height: approx 30ft

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*Rob Myers* See Attached Letter  
Applicant Owner – if different from applicant

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August 15, 2016

Mobile Tree Commission  
c/o Urban Development  
3rd Floor  
Government Plaza  
Mobile, Alabama

**Re: Lots 2, Graf Dairy Park**


Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

As the owner of Lot 2, Graf Dairy Park, please accept this as authorization for Rob Myers and his company to file an application to the Tree Commission for removal and/or trimming of trees located on or about our subject property. Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Whitney Bank

By:   
Its: Assistant Vice President





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# MOBILE TREE COMMISSION LOCATOR MAP



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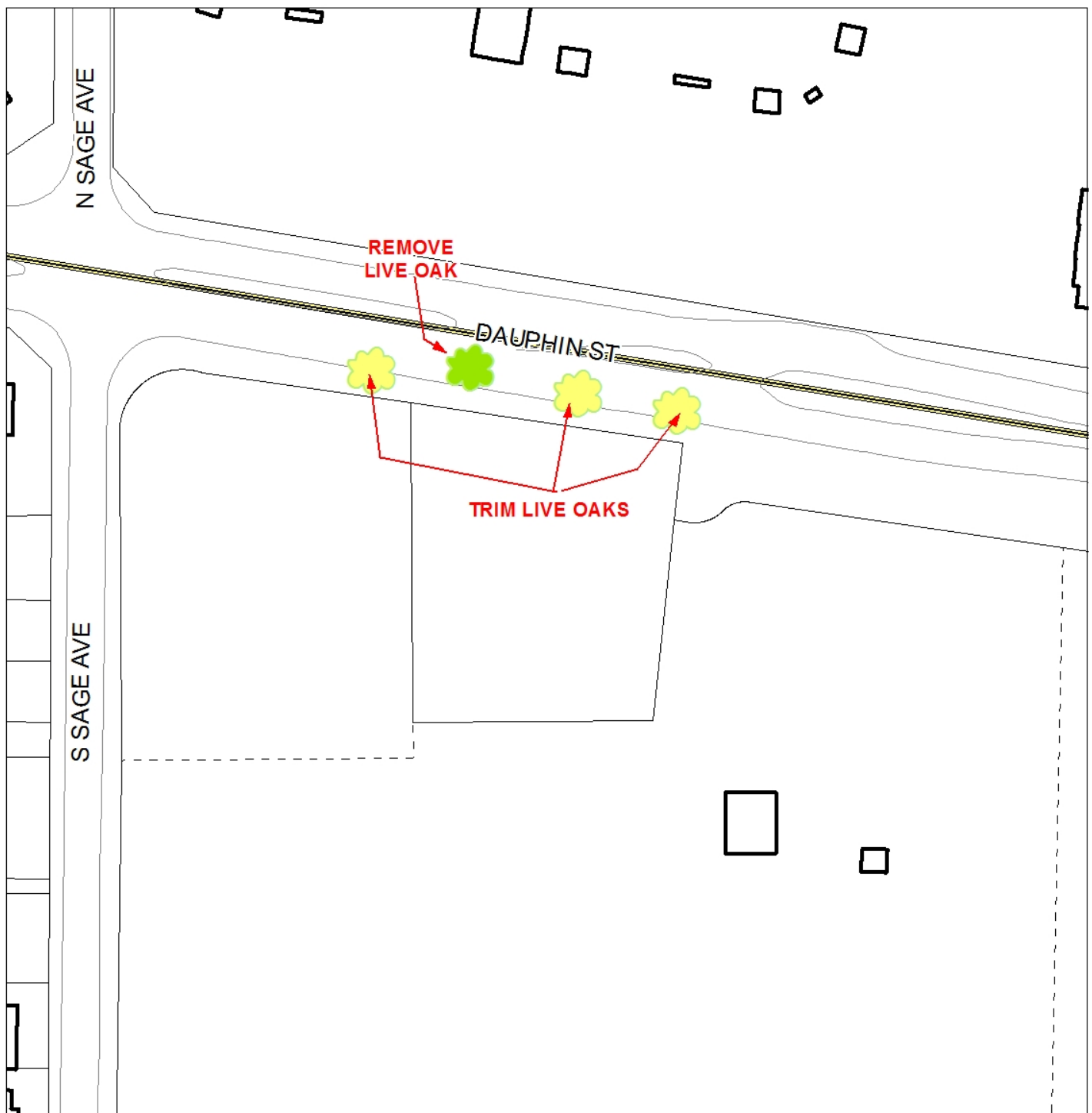
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Request Trim Three Live Oaks and Remove One

1 inch = 500 feet



# MOBILE TREE COMMISSION VICINITY MAP



Application P2016-010 Date September 20, 2016

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Request Trim Three Live Oaks and Remove One

1 inch = 117 feet



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# **PROPOSED CAR WASH DEVELOPMENT**

**2989 DAUPHIN STREET  
MOBILE, AL**

## **TREE PERMIT APPLICATION**

**August 2016**

**Prepared by:**



**HUTCHINSON, MOORE & RAUCH, LLC**  
*Engineers • Surveyors*



**Tree #1**  
(36" Live Oak)



*Photo 1 – Looking Northeast*



*Photo 2 – Looking Northwest*



**Tree #2**  
(36" Live Oak)



*Photo 1 – Looking Northeast*



*Photo 2 – Looking Northwest*

**Tree #4**  
(36" Live Oak)



*Photo1 – Looking Northeast*



*Photo 2 – Looking Northwest*



**Tree #5**  
(30" Live Oak)



*Photo 1 – Looking Northeast*



*Photo 2 – Looking Northwest*