

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: May 17, 2016****APPLICANT NAME**Bay Landscaping for
Ridgefield Home Owners Association**LOCATION**660 – 663 Ridgefield Rd – adjacent right of way along
Airport Blvd
(North side of Airport Blvd, East and West of Ridgefield
Rd)**REQUEST**

One Red Maple Tree

Trim a Live Oak, Remove Three Bald Cypress Trees and

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 6

PRESENT ZONING

R-1, Single-Family Residential

HEALTH OF TREE

All are in good health.

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

None

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

In reference to the live oak tree which is requested to be trimmed, a service request order (SRO759170) has been created to raise the canopy. The remaining 3 bald cypress trees are in good condition with no decay, cavities or dead wood seen in the canopy. The fourth tree requested for removal is dead. Staff recommends denial of the request to remove the three bald cypresstrees. However, staff does recommend removal of the dead tree, a red maple.

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

With the exception of the dead red maple, the live oak and bald cypress trees in question appear to be healthy, thus there is no justification for removal.

MAWSS

None

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting the removal of a dead red maple tree and three bald cypress trees, and the trimming of one live oak tree; all of which are in the right-of-way along Airport Boulevard at Ridgefield Dr.

It has been the practice of the Commission to not approve requests for removal of healthy trees located in the right-of-way unless there were extenuating and/or exacerbating circumstances that make the removal necessary. The application does not provide any justification for the removal of the three healthy bald cypress trees. The only statement in the application about the trees is that they are to be replaced with landscaping, for which no planting plan was provided. However, there is justification for removal of the red maple. Not only is it dead, but as its stability deteriorates it becomes a safety issue.

With regard to the live oak, as stated in the Urban Forestry Comments, an SRO has been initiated. Based on that SRO, the City will trim the live oak.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding, it is recommended that the request to remove the three bald cypress trees be denied; and the request for removal of the red maple be approved. The City of Mobile will trim the live oak as necessary.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. _____
Date: _____

1. Applicant:

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Mobile, AL Zip Code: 36619

E-mail: baylandscapinginc@yahoo.com

Telephone Number: 251-776-5770

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: Ridgefield H.O.A.

Address: Ridgefield Subdivision
Mobile Zip Code: 36609

E-mail: _____

Telephone Number: 251-510-5957

3. Location of Tree: Right of way at Airport/Bent Oak Rd City Council District: _____

4. Type of Tree: 3 bald cypress, 1 Live Oak, 1 unknown Trim: X Oak Remove: X 4 trees

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 6"-8" Height: 15'-20'

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: *Remove 4 trees to replace with landscaping

*Trim Live Oak - it is overgrown & hazardous to anyone walking by

Applicant

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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MOBILE TREE COMMISSION LOCATOR MAP

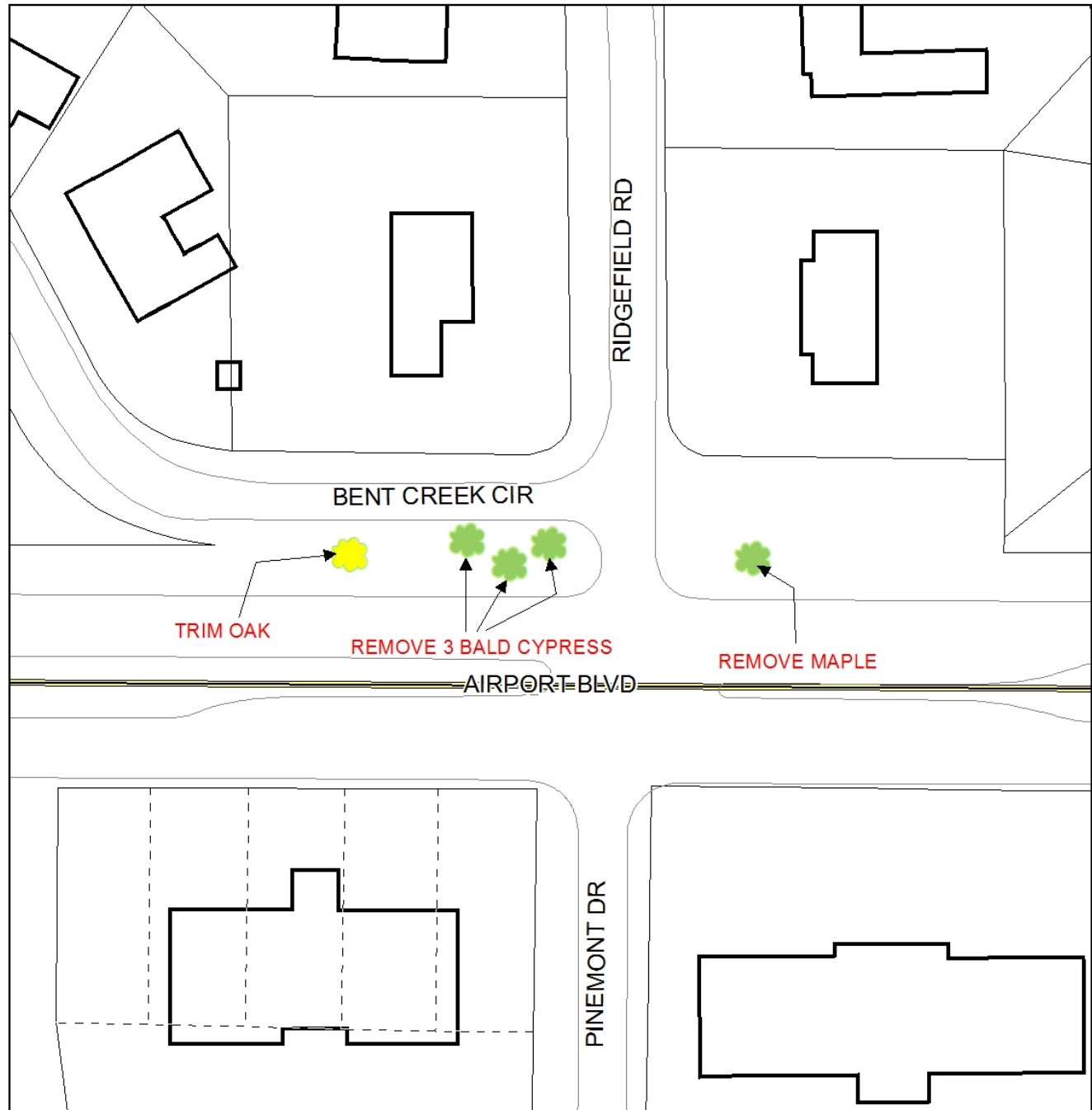


Application P-2016-005 Date May 17, 2016
 Location Right of Way at Airport Blvd and Bent Creek Cir
 Request Remove 4 Trees and Trim 1 Live Oak

1 inch = 333 feet



MOBILE TREE COMMISSION VICINITY MAP

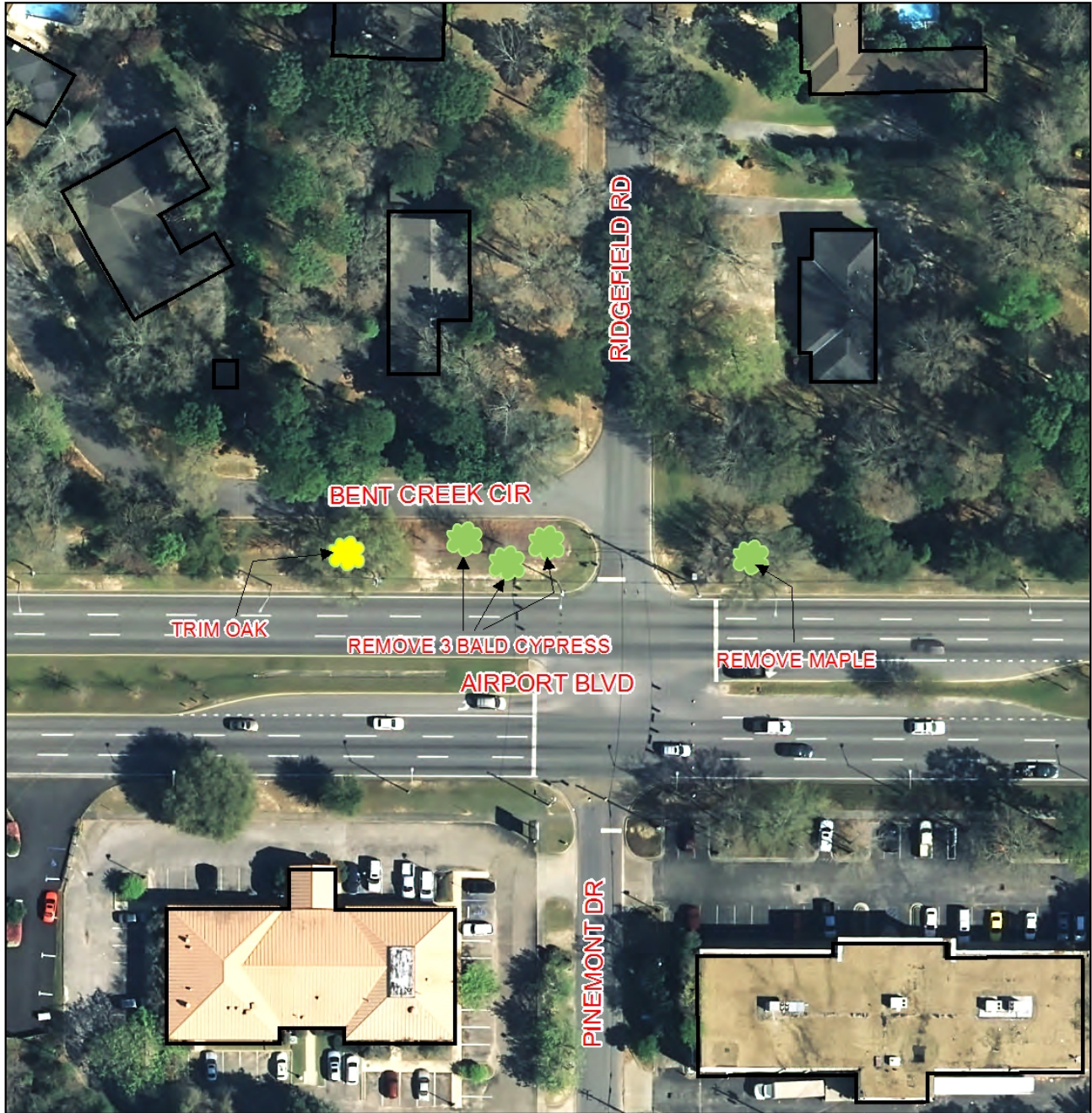


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