

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: January 17, 2017****APPLICANT NAME**

Michael Spina

LOCATION1252 Government Street
(North side of Government Street, 55'± West of Georgia Avenue)**REQUEST**

Remove two Live Oaks, one 22" and one 5"

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 2

PRESENT ZONING

B-1, Buffer Business District

HEALTH OF TREE

The trees appear to be in good health

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

N/A

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING On-site observation did not take note of either tree being a line-of-sight concern regarding traffic safety.**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

Urban Forestry recommends denial of this permit as there is nothing structurally wrong with the trees to warrant their removal. The trunks show no sign of cavities , no limb decay is seen and the canopy is full and healthy.

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

None.

MAWSS

N/A

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting approval to remove two live oaks from the right of way. West of the driveway into the site. The applicant states that the request is based on visibility and traffic safety. As the trees in question are West of the driveway, they do not create an issue with West bound traffic, which is the lane adjacent to the site. Comments from Traffic Engineering state that on-site observation did not note any line of site concern for traffic safety.

Therefore, any visibility issue created by the trees would be of the building from the East bound lanes of Government Street, directly across from the trees. Historically the Tree Commission has not looked favorably on applications for tree removal when the main issue was sign or building visibility.

Given the site's location on Government Street, in the live oak lined section known for its canopy, and within the Oakleigh Garden Historic District, the more appropriate method for visibility would be the installation of a low, monument sign near the front property line.

Urban Forestry has indicated that both trees are healthy, however given the proximity of the smaller 5" live oak tree to the larger 22" live oak, coupled with the facts that it is under the canopy of the larger tree, and has concrete surfacing in close proximity on multiple sides, it is unlikely that it will grow to anywhere near the size of the nearby oaks, the Commission may want to consider allowing the removal of the smaller, 5" live oak.

RECOMMENDATION Based on the preceding, it is recommended that the Commission deny the request to remove the 22" live oak and approve the request to remove the 5" live oak, subject to the following conditions:

1. Donation of two live oak trees to the tree bank for planting elsewhere in the city;
2. Work to be coordinated with Urban Forestry to ensure no damage is done to the remaining 22" live oak;
3. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. _____
Date: _____

1. Applicant:

Name: Michael Sping
Address: 1252 Government St
Mobile Zip Code: 36604
E-mail: mspike14@yahoo.com
Telephone Number: 973-317-1434

2. Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: (SAME)
Address: _____
Zip Code: _____
E-mail: _____
Telephone Number: _____

3. Location of Tree: Right of way west of driveway City Council District: 2

4. Type of Tree: OAK Trim: _____ Remove: X

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 22"/5" Height: 35'/10'

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: visibility and traffic safety

[Signature]
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 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 (Four 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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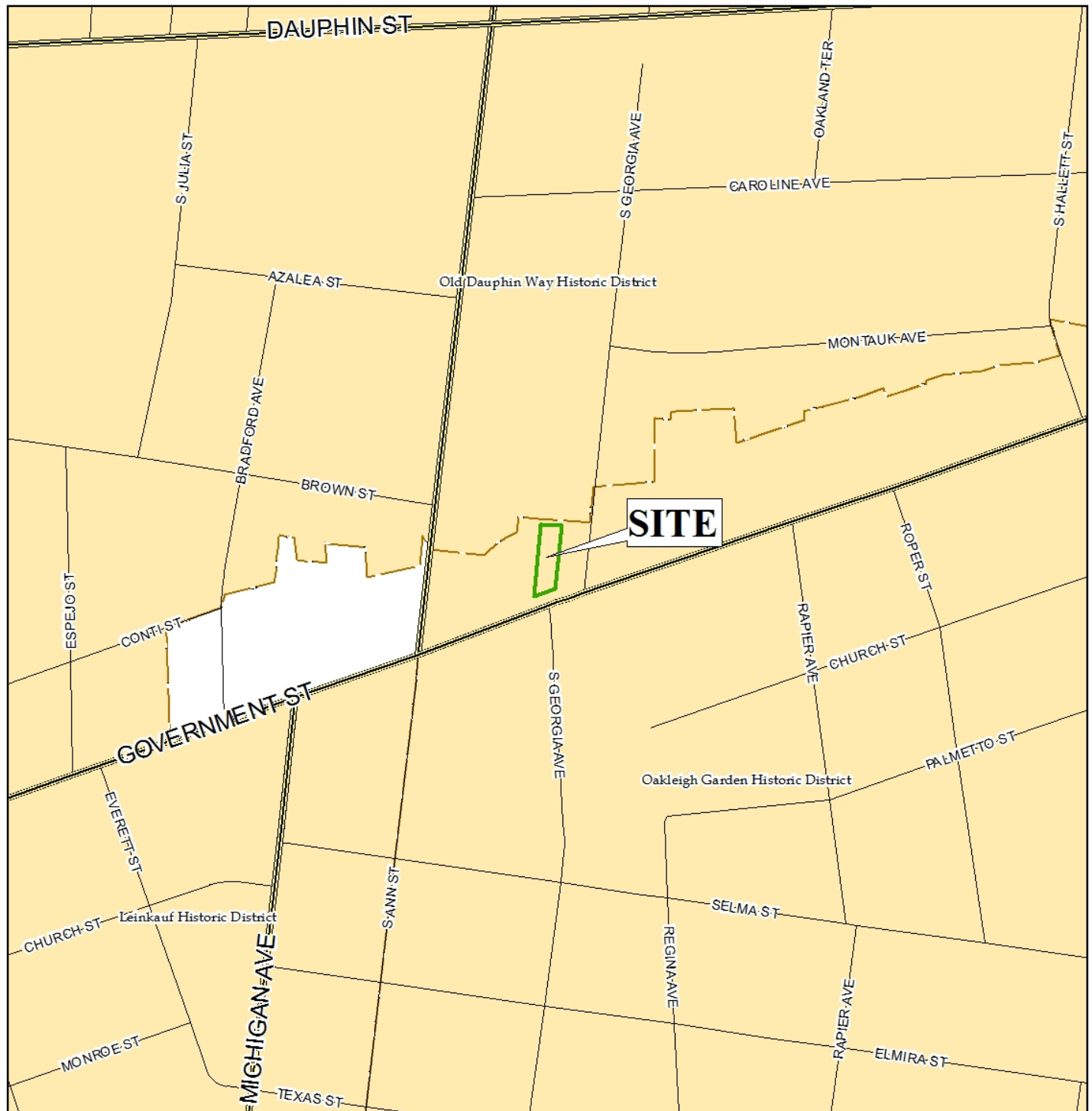
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MOBILE TREE COMMISSION LOCATOR MAP



Application P-2017-001 Date January 17, 2017

Location 1252 Government St

Request Remove two Live Oaks, one 22" and one 5"

1 inch = 417 feet



MOBILE TREE COMMISSION VICINITY MAP



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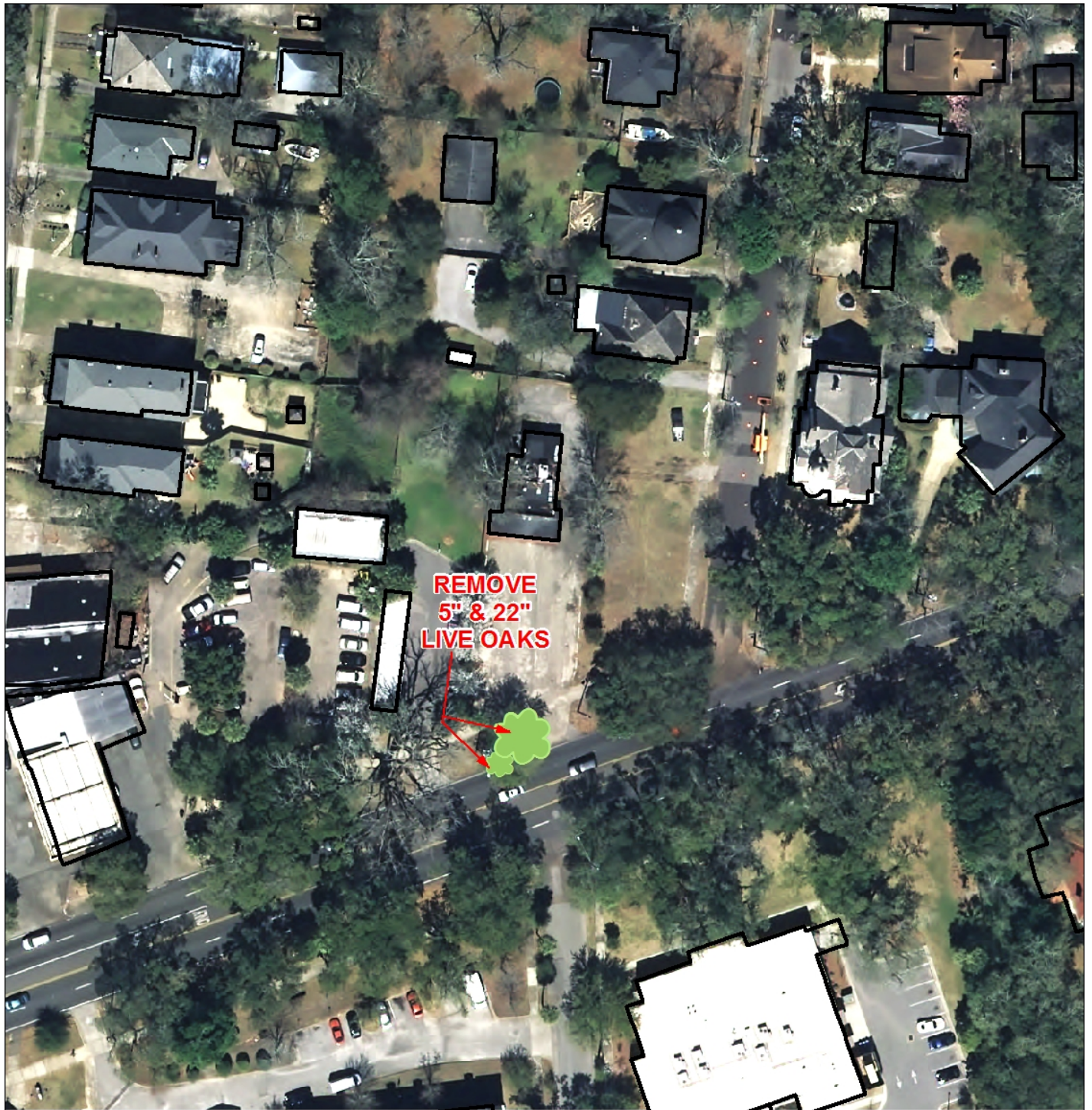
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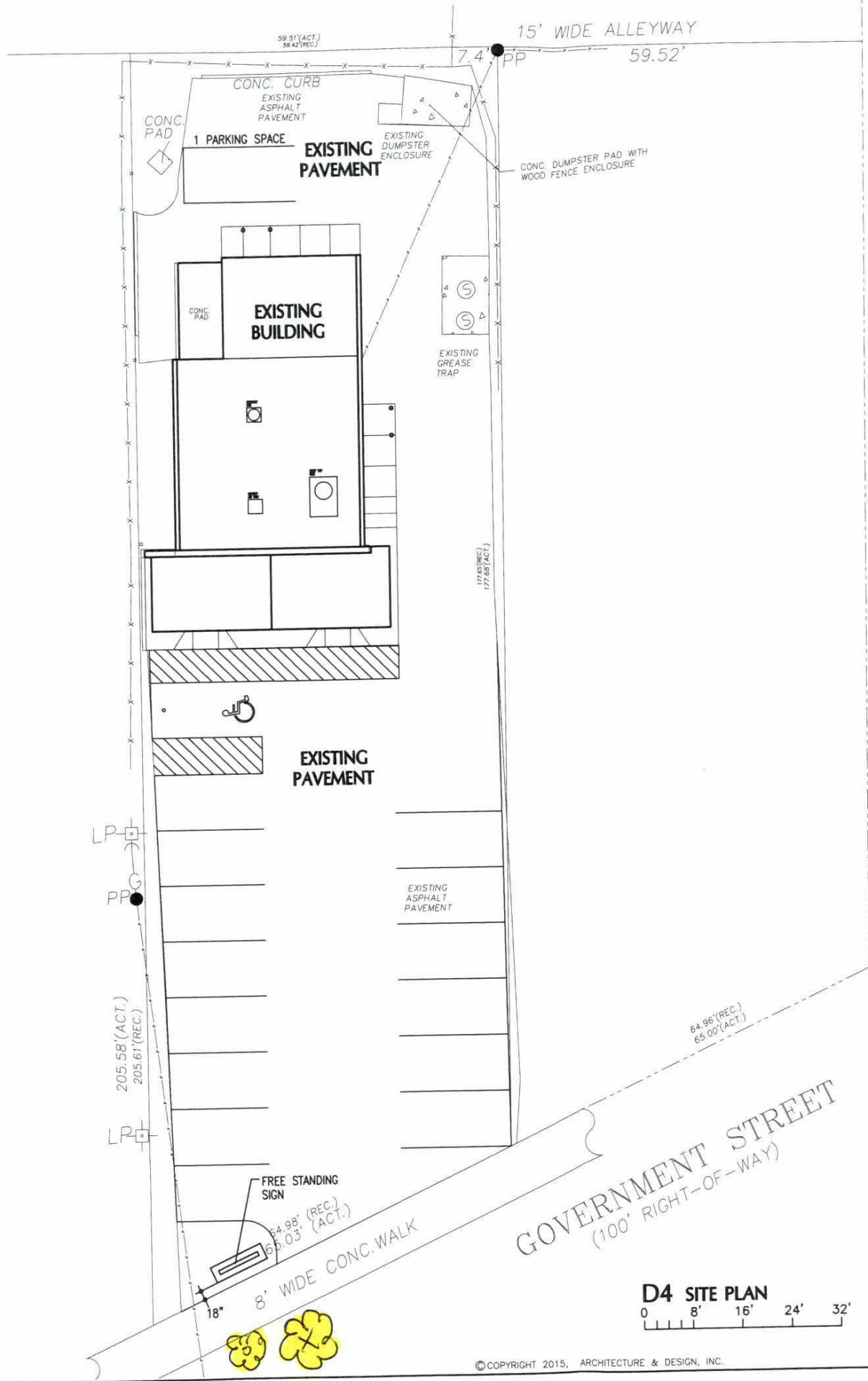
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