

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT****Date: March 21, 2017****APPLICANT NAME**

Nick Amberger for City of Mobile

Various locations on McGregor Avenue  
(South McGregor Avenue, between Dauphin St and Old  
Shell Road)**REQUEST**

16" water oaks

Removal of three (3) trees, a 24" Magnolia, and 2

**CITY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT**

Districts 5 and 7

**PRESENT ZONING**

R-1, Single Family Residential

**HEALTH OF TREE**

The trees appear to be in good health

**CONTRIBUTING  
FACTORS**The request is due to a Capital Project to install sidewalks  
along this section of McGregor Avenue.**ENGINEERING  
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING  
COMMENTS**

None

**URBAN FORESTRY  
COMMENTS**Urban Forestry recommends removal of the 3 trees on the  
right of way to make way for infrastructure improvements. The water oak and laurel oak are typical  
in nature as they have some limb decay present and weak branch attachments along with included  
bark. A magnolia to replace the tree in question can be planted in another area to reflect the right  
tree right space agenda.**PLANNING  
COMMENTS**Given the limited right-of-way in the project area, the  
sidewalk would have to be located on private property to not impact the trees in question. To do  
so would impact more trees than the three requested for removal via this application.**MAWSS**

N/A

**ANALYSIS**

The City of Mobile is undertaking a Capital Improvements Project (CIP) to install sidewalks along S McGregor Avenue. The need for the sidewalk is clearly illustrated by the foot paths along this section of S McGregor.

As noted in the Urban Forestry comments, two of the three trees are typical of the species (water and laurel oaks), and while in fairly good health, do have problems (weak branches, included bark). The third, the Magnolia, is healthy but unfortunately is in a location that precludes shifting the sidewalk to accommodate the tree.

Further, the two oaks are not necessarily a desirable species due to their life span and the types of problems noted in the comments.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Based on the preceding, this request is recommended for approval subject to the following:**

- 1. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit;**
- 2. Donation of Four (4) trees to the Tree Commission tree bank, per the two for one replacement policy of the Tree Commission for the Magnolia, and a one for one replacement for the Oaks. Donation to be in the form of a check made out to the Mobile Tree Commission in the amount of \$800 (\$200 per tree X 4 = \$800.)**



## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE  
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Applicant:**

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

Name: City of Mobile

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Location of Tree:** See attached plans for McGregor Ave. Sidewalks City Council District: 5 & 7

**4. Type of Tree:** Varies - See plans Trim: \_\_\_\_\_ Remove: ☒

**5. Approximate Diameter** four (4) feet from the ground: Varies **Height:** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested:** Proposed sidewalk project. Trees are located in right-of-way or City Easement.

  
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.** *one - per Richard Olsen*

**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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## McGregor Avenue Tree Removal Pictures



Tree No. 1: 24" Magnolia



Tree No. 2: 16" Oak



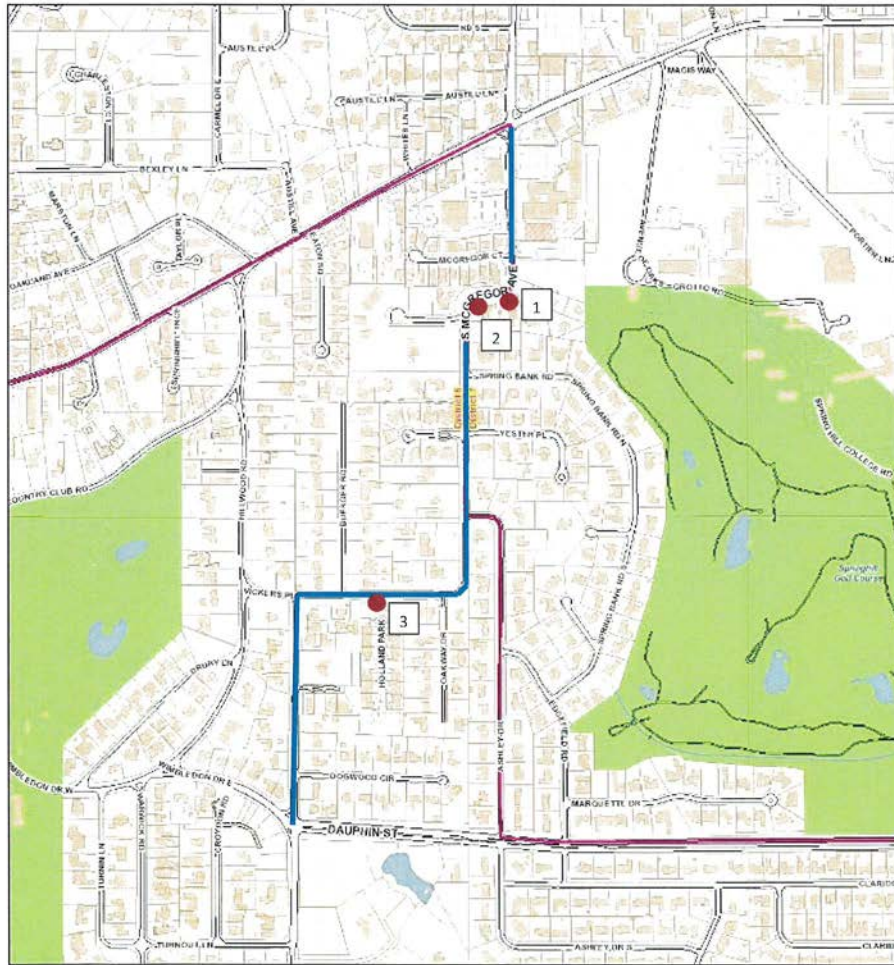
Tree No. 3: 16" Water Oak



# Mobile Tree Commission

## McGregor Avenue Sidewalks

### Tree Removal Map



February 13, 2017

1:8,307

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 mi  
0 0.1 0.2 0.4 km

— Project Location  
● Proposed Tree Removal

City of Mobile GIS Department

Application P-2017-06 Date March 21, 2017  
Location 1307 Spring Hill Avenue  
Request Remove 2 live oaks



