MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Date: November 17, 2015

APPLICANT NAME
Joel Daves

LOCATION
21 Drury Lane
(West side of Drury Lane, 500’+ North of Wimbledon Drive)

REQUEST
Remove a 19” Magnolia

CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT
District 5

PRESENT ZONING
R-1, Single-Family Residential

HEALTH OF TREE
Lichens present on trunk and limbs; considerable die back of canopy; cavity in upper portion of tree.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS
Owner will be re-landscaping front yard

ENGINEERING COMMENTS
None

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMENTS
None

URBAN FORESTRY COMMENTS
Inspection of the tree found lichens present throughout the trunk and limbs of the 19” Magnolia. There is considerable die back on the north side of the sparse canopy as there is a cavity present in the top of the tree and decay can be seen in some limbs. The tree is a good candidate for removal with conditions of a replacement tree included.

PLANNING COMMENTS
The tree is in apparent declining health. The owner will be re-landscaping the front yard, providing an opportunity to plant a more appropriate replacement tree.

MAWSS
None
ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting permission to remove a 19” Magnolia tree. The applicant states that the tree is not in good health, and that he would like to remove the tree and re-landscape the area.

Urban Forestry has visited the site and concluded that the tree is in fact in declining health, and indicated that the tree is a good candidate for removal and replacement.

As the applicant is also proposing to re-landscape the area, this would be an appropriate time to allow removal and replacement with a more appropriate tree for this location.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding, it is recommended that the Commission approve this request subject to the following conditions:

1. The provision on one replacement tree, species to be coordinated with Urban Forestry;
2. Removal is to be performed by a licensed and bonded arborist, to be coordinated with Urban Forestry;
3. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit; and
4. All expenses to be borne by the applicant.
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY OF MOBILE
MOBILE TREE COMMISSION

Application No. __________________________
Date: 15 October 2015

1. Applicant:
   Name: Joel T. Daves IV
   Address: 21 Drury Lane
   Mobile, AL Zip Code: 36608
   E-mail: joel.daves83@gmail.com
   Telephone Number: 251-776-0883

2. Owner (if different from applicant):
   Name: __________________________
   Address: __________________________
   Zip Code: __________________________
   E-mail: __________________________
   Telephone Number: __________________________

3. Location of Tree: 21 Drury Lane, Mobile, AL City Council District: 5

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

5. Approximate Diameter four (4) feet from the ground: 19" Height: 40'

6. Reason for Removal or Trimming as Requested: Tree is not in good health.
   I would like to remove it and re-landscape the area.

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 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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