

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2012
REGULAR MEETING
LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION**

Be it remembered that a regular meeting before the Long Beach Planning Commission of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, was begun at 6:00 o'clock p.m., Thursday, the 9th day of August 2012, in the Long Beach City Hall Meeting Room, 201 Jeff Davis Avenue, in said City, and the same being the time, date and place fixed for holding said meeting.

There was present and in attendance on said Commission and at the meeting the following named persons: Commission Chairman Frank Olavar, Commissioners Tony Vancourt, Jim Heinzl, Gretchen Loftus, George Casey, Ron Robertson, Tonda Yandell, Randy Fischer, and Minutes Clerk Veronica Howard.

The meeting was called to order, there being a quorum present and sufficient to transact the business of this meeting, the following proceedings were had and done.

Commissioner Vancourt made motion seconded by Commissioner Heinzl and unanimously carried to approve the July 26, 2012 (Regular Meeting) minutes as submitted.

It came for consideration under old business Amendments to Ordinance #344 City of Long Beach Zoning Ordinance.

Work Session(s) were scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2012 and, if needed Thursday, August 16, 2012, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 201 Jeff Davis Avenue, Long Beach, Mississippi.

It came for consideration, under new business a Tree Removal request for a Magnolia Tree located at 200 Girard Avenue submitted by Veronica Pedeauex as follows:

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CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI
201 Jeff Davis Avenue
P.O. Box 929
Long Beach, MS 39560
(228) 863-1554
(228) 863-1558 fax
TREE PERMIT APPLICATION



**WHAT TYPE OF TREE ARE YOU REQUESTING TO BE REMOVED? Magnolia Tree
i.e. Live Oak, Magnolia, etc.

Routine trimming does not require a permit. The reason for pruning may include, but are not limited to, reducing risk, maintaining or improving tree health and structure, improving aesthetics, or satisfying a specific need. The City of Long Beach does recommend you obtain a licensed Arborist for your and the tree protection.

Any single-family Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Commercial or Industrial Zoned areas need a permit to remove a Live Oak or Magnolia tree with its root system, growing upon the earth usually with one trunk or at least eighteen (18) inches in circumference or larger, measured four and one-half (4 1/2) feet above the surface of the ground, or a multi-stemmed trunk system with a definitely formed crowned.

Any person desiring a permit for removal of any Live Oak or Magnolia tree, shall submit this application and a filing fee of \$25.00 per parcel of land to which such application pertains.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

1. Last Name: Dedeaux First: Veronica Middle: _____

2. Address: 200 Girard

3. City: Long Beach State: MS Phone: _____

200 Girard Ave
Project Address (where the trees to be removed are) Tax Parcel Number

4. Are you the legal owner of the above property? Yes No _____, If No written consent from the owner is needed. Please provide a statement that no person, not listed on this application, has any interest in the title in or to the property. Please provide a recorded warranty deed.

5. What is the reason the tree needs to be removed? Be specific ex. Construction, street or roadway, recreational area, patio, parking lot, diseased tree not worthy of preservation, etc. _____
See Attached letter

Upon issuance of a Tree Removal Permit, the permit fee will be as follows:

- For removal of a tree or trees where such removal of such tree or trees is necessitated by material damage caused by such tree or trees to permanent improvement or improvements on the parcel where such tree or trees are situated a fee of \$1.00 per tree permitted to be removed.
- For removal of all other trees, a fee of \$45.00 per tree permitted to be removed. As per City of Long Beach Tree Ordinance (#364) any person removing any Live Oak or Magnolia tree within the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, without a valid tree removal permit, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1000.00. The removal of each tree without having first secured a valid tree removal permit shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

** As a condition of granting the tree removal permit, the City, acting by and through its Mayor and Board of Aldermen, may require the applicant to relocate or replace trees, but may not require the replacement of trees in a number greater than the number of Live Oak or Magnolia trees removed; trees to be of Four (4) inches caliper deciduous trees or five (5) feet in height of evergreen or Live Oak or Magnolia trees.

I hereby certify that I have read this application and that all information contained herein is true and correct; that I agree to comply with all applicable codes, ordinances and state laws regulation construction; that I am the owner or authorized to act as the owners agent for the herein described work.

Signature _____

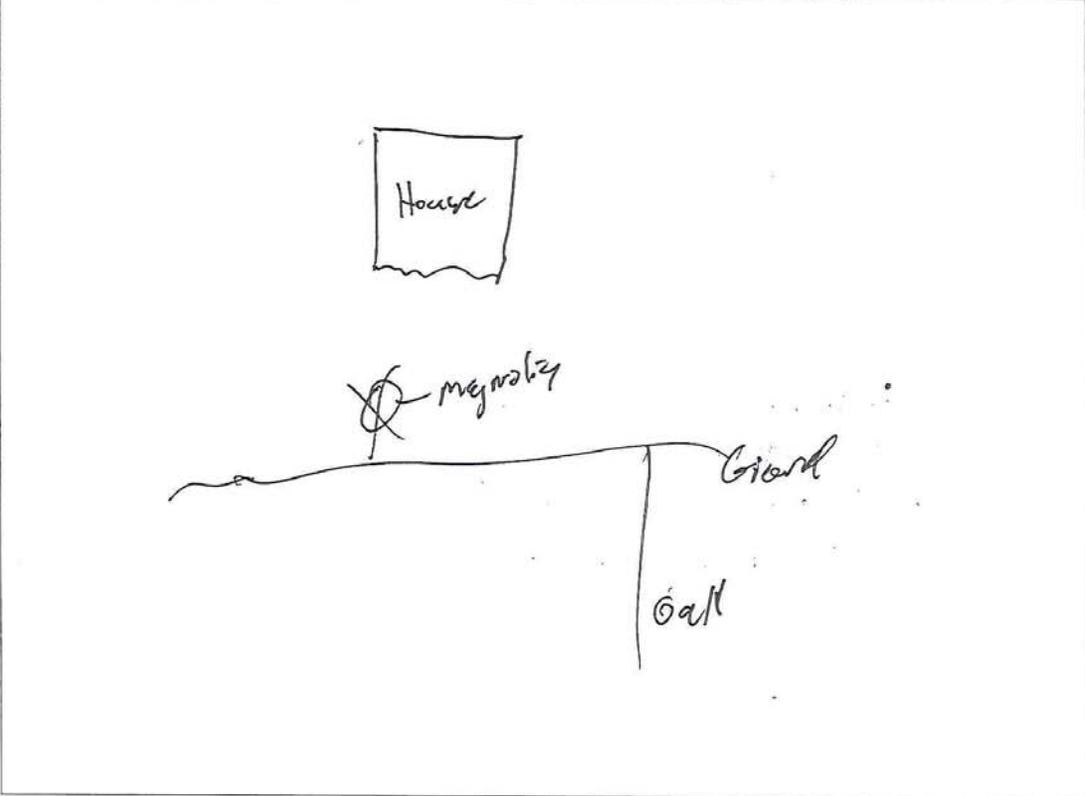
Date _____

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TREE SITE PLAN:

Please provide a map or diagram of the parcel of land, specifically designating the area or areas of proposed tree removal and the proposed use of such area. Please include the following: 1) location of all trees on the property, their size and species 2) Designate which are disease/or damaged, 3) designate which are endangering any roadway, pavement, or utility line, 4) any proposed grade changes that might adversely affect or endanger any trees on the site and specify how to maintain them 5) designate the trees to be removed and the trees to be maintained, and 5) location of existing and/or proposed structures.



CITY OF LONG BEACH TREE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS BELOW:

PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF TREE BOARD MEMBER _____ DATE _____

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Mrs Veronica Siedeaux
P.O. Box 342
Long Beach, Ms. 39560-0342

Dear Mayor Billy Shellie,

Now with the television warnings and notices of the storm months, we should start preparing for possible bad tornadoes and damaging storms.

I have written sometime ago about that very dangerous old magnolia tree only a few feet from my house, and also from the new South Girard Ave paved street. That tree should be removed ASAP.

I haven't received information from my last letter I mailed to you before the street was repaired.

My family and I have been here for 60 years now, we lost, like others a lot during the Katrina disaster.

Please let me know in writing as soon as possible. This is a serious problem for me.

With prayers that no one will experience another Katrina disaster.

Mrs Veronica Siedeaux

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Discussion was had whereupon it was noted for the record the applicant's previous request for the tree to be removed at the Planning Commission meeting of August 25, 2011 whereupon the Planning Commission denied the request for the removal of the Magnolia Tree.

Submitted for the record the following letter from Certified Arborist, Jim Heinzl.

City of Long Beach
Planning Commission
City Hall, Jeff Davis Ave.
Long Beach, MS 39560

Re: Southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*).

This tree is located at 200 S. Girard Ave. I have looked at this tree before and as before I must say that I see nothing that would warrant taking this tree down. I understand that people are a little apprehensive having gone thru the terrible disaster that we all have. However in looking at it in that manner this tree has survived many storms and is still a magnificent magnolia tree. I estimate this tree to be at least somewhere in the neighborhood of 50 years old but determining the age of a tree is more guesswork than anything because there are many variables to be considered.

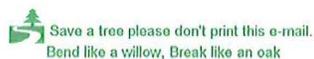
The tree has a very good form and the trunk is on the normal-healthy side. The vertical cracks in the bark are caused by periods of severe drought followed by periods of abundant rainfall and I don't just mean lately but over the span of years.

This tree has a single dominant fluted trunk which is good. It also has no signs of die back on the shoot tips which indicates that there is no root damage going on.

In summary I think trees such as this are exactly why there are tree ordinances. Trees enhance every aspect of human life without them we could not survive. They clean our air, absorb storm water keeping erosion in check, and shade our homes. After losing so many trees in the recent storm we must be thinking in terms of planting trees and not removing healthy trees.

Sincerely,
Jim Heinzl

Jim Heinzl
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Based on the abovementioned letter, Commissioner Fischer made motion, seconded by Commissioner Heinzl and unanimously carried recommending denying the request for tree removal.

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time Commissioner Yandell made motion seconded by Commissioner Robertson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting in due course.

APPROVED:

Chairman, Frank Olaiivar

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Veronica Howard, Minutes Clerk