

BILOXI TREE ORDINANCE

PERMITTING PROCEDURE

- 1 - 4 Tree Procedure

- 1) Application submitted to City Arborist,
- 2) Arborist make recommendation to the Director
- 3) Director either authorizes or denies the permit request.

PERMITTING PROCEDURE

- 5 or More Tree Procedure

- 1) Application submitted to City Arborist,
- 2) Arborist publically posts notice on property and prepares a recommendation to Planning Commission
- 3) Planning Commission hears Arborist recommendation then makes recommendation to the Director
- 4) The Director either authorizes or denies the permit request.

WHAT TREES REQUIRE A PERMIT?

- Any tree eight or more inches in diameter
- Any Oak, Magnolia, or Bald Cypress five or more inches in diameter
- Any tree in a street right of way or on City-owned property
- Any tree with a diameter of 36 inches or more
- Pine, Pecan, and Chinese Tallow are not protected

EXEMPTIONS OR CRITERIA FOR PERMITTING

- Trees approved for removal on a site plan or plat
- Tree removal or alteration to ensure public safety (typically traffic or utility related)
- In danger of falling or damaging structures
- A detriment to access, as determined by Building Official
- Tree roots damaging utilities or structures
- Tree obstructs required sight distances
- Tree encroaches into easements
- Tree is dead or dying
- Tree is blocking the stormwater drainage

MY OBJECTIVES

- My objective has always been to preserve the best quality trees on the site.
- Our ordinance is a tool to guide developers to make smart choices when saving trees.
- In many cases some lesser quality trees will have to be removed in order to protect the best quality trees.
- My charge is that the finished development has better quality and quantity of landscaping than before the development took place.
- Annual inspections of newly planted landscaping ensures establishment of healthy landscaping for the future.