

October 4, 2016

TO: Director of Community Development, City of Biloxi

**RE: Proposed Site Plan for Hilton Gardens, Hwy 90 and Dukate Street, Biloxi, Mississippi**

In regards to the above-referenced Site Plan, also attached to this document, the Tree Committee of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, hereby makes the following recommendations:

1. Retain, protect, and preserve the three Live Oak Trees along the western edge of the property along Dukate Street (Noted as Tree #'s 5, 6 and 9 on the Site Plan, with DBH measurements of 16", 18" and 18" respectively). This may require getting a variance to narrow the Entry Drive on Dukate Street and will eliminate 1 parking space at this location. Additionally, this will require the elimination of a minimum of two parallel parking spaces along Dukate Street, and will require extreme attention to protect the critical root zone of these trees in relation to the proposed building, such as clean root pruning by an accredited professional prior to construction, and over site by same during construction.
2. The Committee approves the removal of the remaining 4 Live Oak trees (Noted as Tree #'s 7, 8, 10, and 11 on the Site Plan), with the condition that they be replaced at a ratio of 3:1. Replacement trees must be container-grown, 100 gal. size, and of the same species as those proposed for removal (Live Oak, *Quercus virginiana*), and must be planted in accordance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) at the cost of the Developer at Biloxi's Dog Park, and to be irrigated and maintained by the City of Biloxi.
3. The Committee recommends that the Developer provide detailed construction drawings for tree protection in accordance with Section 23-6-4(H)(2) of the Land Development Ordinance, and that these detailed drawings be reviewed, approved, and monitored by a licensed and accredited specialist to achieve the highest possible rate of health for all trees being retained on the site (Tree #'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 on the Site Plan), prior to and during the construction process.

The Committee requests the revisions referenced above be made to the Site Plan and submitted for final review by the Director of Community Development and the Tree Committee.

Respectfully,

Robin Rodolfich, Chair  
*on behalf of* City of Biloxi Tree Committee