

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Andrew Gilich
Jerry Creel, Director of Community Development
Eric Nolan, Arborist
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Biloxi City Council Members

From: City of Biloxi Tree Committee
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Date: October 30, 2018

Re: Recommendations for PJ's, 2685 Pass Rd.

The Tree Committee has reviewed the site plan and tree inventory provided in the Tree Permit Application for a new PJ's Coffee Shop at 2685 Pass Rd. in Biloxi. The developer proposes to remove a total of seven protected trees, including six healthy, well-established live oaks and one magnolia. The Tree Committee recommends the following:

1. The site plan in this tree permit application is incomplete. There are two large magnolias in the south east corner of the lot that are not shown on the current site plan. The developer must provide a revised site plan showing these trees and indicating whether they are to be retained or removed. If they are to be removed, mitigation is required.
2. The magnolia designated for removal at the north west of the site should be considered for retention. We suggest removing one parking space and narrowing the driveway sufficiently to allow for its retention, even if a variance and additional marking/striping is needed for the narrower drive.
3. On-site mitigation planting can be accomplished around the detention pond, and should be done at a ratio of 3:1. Plantings should consist of native species, to include live oaks, southern magnolias and bald cypress, as well as an assortment of native understory trees such as is provided on the attached *Recommended Mitigation Species* list, attached.
4. If it can be considered at this point in the process, we would strongly suggest retaining the six live oaks at the rear (south) of the property. Retaining these healthy oaks is in the public interest, as it would beautify the property and also provide shade for the building, customers, and workers. Doing so would set a meaningful precedent for development in the City of Biloxi.