

City of Biloxi Tree Committee

December 20, 2024

City of Biloxi Planning Commission

Subject: Case Number: TR-25-001 Chick-fil-A, 2364 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS, Joey Spiers (a portion of Tax parcel 1309-01-002.003.)

Commission Members:

The consensus of our City of Biloxi Tree Committee agrees with the overall Chick-fil-A Tree Assessment provided by Tim Ratcliff, an ISA certified Tree Arborist. They have followed the tree mitigation rules for the City of Biloxi.

They are removing 8 protected live oak and leaving 10 live oak trees. The trees being removed are due to parking, fire department access, the engineered retention pond and requirements for their building and its corporate features.

The developer has begun mitigation of the 8 trees to be removed by planting 8 protected live oak trees, each of which is eight inches in diameter. This exceeds the City of Biloxi requirements for mitigation (two-inch trees). Chick-fil-A spent over \$50,000 dollars for these huge trees and have planted them in a row at the back of the property (north side) along the new Nelson Road access for Routsis.

Chick-fil-A will submit a final landscape plan to Zach Harris, the City of Biloxi Arborist as required. The tree committee would like, if possible, for Chick-fil-A to plant another 6 live oak trees (using our required mitigation rules) in their upcoming landscape plan to either be planted on their site or the adjacent property in their landscape plan.

We are very pleased that they have worked so hard with our City of Biloxi arborist and the Tree Committee. Additionally, they have moved their building plans to accommodate some of the live oak trees on the property. It has been great working with a group that is so in tune with our requirements and striving to do better than required for our City and the environment.

Respectfully,

Susan Peterson,
City of Biloxi Tree Chairperson/Secretary