

City of Biloxi Tree Committee

July 17, 2025

City of Biloxi Planning Commission

Subject: Case Number: TR-25-003, 988 Wildwood Lane, Biloxi, MS, homeowners: Patrick & Erin King, (Tax parcel 1109A-01-007.000/Ward 4.)

Commission Members:

The majority of members of our City of Biloxi Tree Committee agree with the overall Tree Assessment provided by the King's Tree paperwork for the removal of the 17 protected trees on their property. They have submitted letters and emails stating they need to remove these trees for safety requirements imposed by their insurance company (Property Insurance Company of America.) They have followed the tree mitigation rules for the City of Biloxi and applied for a tree permit.

This is the first time an individual homeowner has been required to meet a "tree hearing" for their trees (personal property) since there are more than 5 protected trees involved. Our current LDO's did not address this issue as it has not come up before. This issue will be addressed in the LDO changes in the future.

They are removing 17 protected live oaks on their personal property. The City of Biloxi has hired an independent arborist, Brad Manus, to assess these trees. Photos will be shared and he will give his report. He attended, discussed and answered questions the tree members had about the removal of these trees while we were working on our recommendations for Thursday's, July 17th, "tree hearing."

Brad Manus's certifications are held by the City of Biloxi Planning Office as he has been contracted to fill in and provide written reports when an arborist is required.

As stated in our LDO tree requirements, homeowners do not have to mitigate for trees removed on their personal property. The King's have submitted all the paperwork required. We are very pleased that they have worked so hard with our City of Biloxi Planning Office, their added tree removal requirements and the Tree Committee.

Respectfully,

Susan Peterson,
City of Biloxi Tree Chairperson/Secretary