

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Scott Ankerson, Building Official
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Director of Economic Development and Planning
Date: August 11, 2015
Subject: Request to Trim a 35" (in diameter) and a 30" (in diameter) Live Oak Protected Tree at 1809 Seacliffe Drive, Gautier

REQUEST:

Mr. Matthew Hoggatt requests approval to alter (trim) a 35" (in diameter) and a 30" (in diameter) protected Live Oak from the front yard of 1809 Seacliffe Drive.

DISCUSSION:

The applicant, Matthew Hoggatt, is requesting to significantly trim two protected trees at 1809 Seacliffe Drive, Gautier, MS 39553. The applicant is concerned with limbs hanging over his house and driveway. The applicant stated he hired a tree trimming company to trim the trees and was unaware that a permit was needed. Some of the trimming has already been done.

To determine whether a request warrants a finding of necessity, the Council shall consider the Comprehensive Plan, the intent of Unified Development Ordinance, Article XI to preserve protected trees, whether the continued preservation of the tree(s) places a significant hardship on the property owner, the continuation of the tree(s) threatens public safety and welfare, and whether all other options for preservation and/or relocation have been explored and found unsatisfactory

In accordance with Section 11.4.5 of the Unified Development Ordinance, owner-occupants of single-family residential homes are not required to prepare and implement a tree mitigation and preservation plan.

The City Council has the responsibility to determine the appropriateness of finding a necessity for the removal or alteration of a protected tree.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The City Council may:

1. Approve the protected tree trimming request; or
2. Deny the request.

ATTACHMENTS;

1. Resolution Finding of Necessity
2. Photos

**1809 SEACLIFFE DRIVE
PROPOSED TREE ALTERATION
PHOTOS**

