

TREE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION NOTICE

The provisions of this Notice apply to “**Protected Trees**” which are **live oaks, magnolia, cypress, sycamore and cedar trees** on private property that have a trunk circumference of at least eighteen (18) inches when measured at a point five (5) feet above ground level. All trees of any kind, regardless of size, located on public property belonging unto the city shall not be removed, cut down, destroyed or altered in any way.

A permit is required to cut down, remove, deface, burn, poison, injure, mutilate, disfigure or substantially trim any tree identified above as protected.

During construction it is the responsibility of the property owner, their contractor, subcontractors and suppliers, who are involved with the construction process, to ensure the preservation of all protected trees on and adjacent to the construction site.

The minimum protection required will be a “Tree Protection Zone” (TPZ) that encompasses the tree root system as established by the city arborist. The TPZ shall be made with 4’ high metal fencing material and staked at 6’ intervals. TPZ’s are to be erected prior to the commencement of any work. The area inside the TPZ is not to be used in any way for the remainder of the project. TPZ ‘s are not to be taken down without first obtaining approval from the city arborist or building official.

During the Construction at any time these measures are not in compliance the building department will issue a stop work order until the site is in compliance. It is understood that the death or harm of a protected tree may lead to punitive action.

The tree protection zone must be provided as directed by City Arborist prior to moving any equipment or materials onto a construction site.

I Print Name: _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____

understand the City of Ocean Springs have protected trees and hereby agree to abide by the regulations throughout the construction of the project permitted at

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