

Introduced August 22nd, 1978 by
Councilman Wood; seconded by
Councilman Martin.

Item Number 78-8-17

ORDINANCE

NO. 1086

An ordinance amending the Slidell Zoning Ordinance
No. 795, by adding Section 2.25 - Trees and Landscape.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of
Slidell, Louisiana, in legal session convened:

Slidell Zoning Ordinance No. 795, add

Section 2.25 - Trees and Landscape

Section 2.2501 Applicability of Tree and Landscape
Requirements

The provisions of the following sections are applicable
to new construction only and also to the clearing of undeveloped
property. All appeals must be brought before the Board of
Zoning Adjustments, as described in Section Seven (7).

Section 2.2502 Intent

Trees and landscaping are a natural resource and it is
the intent of the City of Slidell to encourage planting, replace-
ment, and protection of such in the interest of the health, safety,
and welfare of the present and future citizens of this City.

Section 2.2503 Required Tree Plantings

One tree is required for each 1000 square feet of yard
space or fraction thereof on each lot after the building is com-
pleted. All trees required by this ordinance shall be at least
five (5) feet high when planted or when the ordinance becomes
applicable thereto, and shall be maintained in a healthy condition.
The required trees shall not be planted within any designated
easement, servitude or public right-of-way. Existing trees having
a height of at least five (5) feet may be counted as required
trees if the earth under their branches remains undisturbed.

Section 2.2504 Parking Lot Plantings

Where the provision of off-street parking for three (3)
or more vehicles is required, there shall be landscaped open space
within the parking area or along the perimeter of the parking area

1 in the minimum amount of sixteen (16) square feet for each parking
2 space, which shall be so located that no parking space is more
3 than one hundred twenty (120) feet from a portion of the land-
4 scaped open space required by this section. The required
5 landscaped open space need not be contiguous. There shall be at
6 least one tree for each 300 square feet of landscaped open space.
7 Where applicable, plant materials required by this section shall
8 be maintained in a healthy condition.

17 Section 2.2505 Protected Trees

19 No person, organization, society, association, corpora-
20 tion, or any governmental agency or representative thereof,
21 directly or indirectly, shall, without first obtaining a Zoning
22 Compliance Permit, remove, cut, damage or destroy any tree within
23 the corporate limits of the City of Slidell having a diameter of
24 twenty-four (24) inches or more when measured four and one-half
25 (4-1/2') feet above grade. The permit officer shall approve the
26 permit if one or more of the following conditions is present:

35 (1) Necessity to remove trees which pose a safety
36 hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic or threaten to cause
37 disruption of public services;

41 (2) Necessity to remove trees which pose a safety
42 hazard to buildings;

45 (3) Necessity to remove diseased trees or trees weak-
46 ened by age, storm, fire, or other injury;

49 (4) Necessity to observe good forestry practices;

51 (5) Necessity to remove trees in order to construct
52 proposed improvements as a result of: need for access to the
53 building site for construction equipment; essential grade changes;
54 surface water drainage and utility installations; location of the
55 proposed structure so as to avoid unreasonable economic hardships;

61 (6) Necessity for compliance with other City of Slidell
62 codes. The granting of such approval will not exempt the property
63 from the provisions of Section 2.2503 and 2.2504 once the desig-
64 nated tree or trees are removed.
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1 Section 2.2506 Definitions

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3 Tree, required or to be provided - Any self-supporting
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5 wood plant of a species balled in burlap or containerized which
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7 shall grow to at least a height of ten (10) feet in the environs
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9 of the City of Slidell.

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11 Landscaping - Landscaping shall consist of any of the
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13 following or combination thereof: Materials such as, but not
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15 limited to, grass, ground covers, shrubs, vines, trees, or plants,
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17 and non-living durable material commonly used in landscaping, such
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19 as, but not limited to, rocks and pebbles, but excluding paving
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21 and artificial plant materials.

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23 Section 2.2507 Time of Completion

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25 All tree plantings and landscaping required by this
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27 ordinance shall be installed prior to occupancy or commencement of
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29 use.

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31 Section 2.2508 Violation

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33 Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty
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35 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine
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37 of not more than \$500.00.

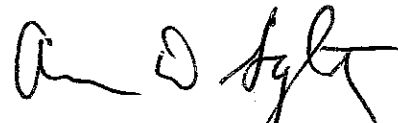
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39 Effective date of this ordinance is September 26th,
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41 1978.

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43 This ordinance, having been submitted to a vote, the
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45 vote thereon was as follows:

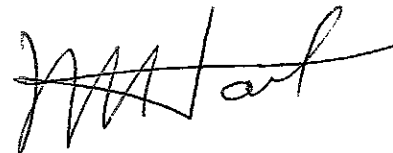
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48 YEAS: 7

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51 NAYS: 2 (Hinton and Martinez)

The ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 26th
day of September, 1978.



Alvin D. Singletary
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council



M. W. Hart
Mayor



John Swenson CMC
Clerk of Council

Footnote: General information regarding the planting and maintenance of trees may be taken from the publication "Trees for Louisiana Landscapes -- A Handbook," and supplement published by the LSU Cooperative Extension Service. A copy of this handbook and other materials will be available in the Permit Office.

DELIVERED 9-28-78

10:00 a.m. to the Mayor

RECEIVED 9-28-78

3:00 p.m. from the Mayor