

Item No. 82-11-519

ORDINANCE NO. 1574

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 795, a Zoning Ordinance,
of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session
convened, that Ordinance No. 795, a zoning ordinance, of the Code of
Ordinances of the City of Slidell is amended to read as follows:

Delete the present Section 2.25 "Trees and Landscaping.",
in its entirety and replace with a new Section 2.25 to read as follows:

Section 2.25. Protection of Existing Trees and Landscaping
Requirements.

Section 2.2501 Purpose: Existing Trees, because of the beneficial
qualities and character they add to a community, should be retained to the
maximum feasible in any development.

Section 2.2502 Land Clearing Permit Required: Any land clearing
undertaken within Slidell shall require a permit. Permit for land clearing
shall only be issued in relationship to a specific development proposal. Land
clearing is defined as removal of more than five (5) trees per platted lot.
Said trees being greater than six inches in diameter as measured twenty-four (24)
inches above grade, provided that none of the trees are larger in diameter than
those identified in Section 2.2503 (b).

Section 2.2503 Application Requirements: Application for a land
clearing permit shall include the following items:

1. A plot plan of the proposed development.
2. A landscape plan which identifies:
 - a. Existing stands of trees on the development site.
 - b. The specific location of live oak and magnolia trees twelve (12)
inches in diameter and other trees fifteen (15) inches in diameter
as measured twenty-four (24) inches above grade.
 - c. Trees or stands of trees proposed for retention on the site.
 - d. The intended method for marking reserved trees prior to land
clearing should be identified in the application. The preferred
method of marking is stapling allweather plastic tape to trees.
The use of spray paint for this purpose is specifically prohibited.

1 Section 2.2504 Application Review: Within ten (10) days after acceptance
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3 of land clearing permit application, the Planning Director shall either cause the
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5 permit to be issued or provide the applicant in writing with his reasons for
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7 rejecting the permit application as presented.

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9 Section 2.2505 Pre-Clearing Inspection Required: The party issued a
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11 land clearing permit shall notify the Building Official in writing twenty-four (24)
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13 hours before starting the land clearing activity. The Building Official or
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15 his designated representative shall inspect the clearing site prior to the
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17 start of clearing to assure that the protected trees are identified on site as
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19 indicated in the land clearing permit application.

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21 Section 2.2506 Techniques for Protection of Trees: The following
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23 efforts should be utilized whenever possible to retain existing trees:

- 24 1. Parking areas and building sites shall be located to preserve
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26 existing trees.
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28 2. Grates or other previous surfaces should be utilized within the
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30 dripline (outermost limit of horizontal branch extension) of
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32 existing trees to allow water and air to reach the tree roots.
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34 3. Fill should be avoided in areas under the dripline of existing trees.
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36 4. Drastic changes in drainage patterns which might negatively
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38 affect existing trees should be avoided.

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40 Section 2.2507 Permit Fee Established: A land clearing permit fee of
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42 ten (10) dollars per acre or part thereof is hereby established.

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44 Section 2.2508 Waiver of Application Resubmittal Fee: There shall
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46 be no fees assessed for the resubmittal of a land clearing permit application if
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48 the application is resubmitted within six (6) months of the original application
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50 rejection.

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52 Section 2.2509 Violation: Any person who violates the provisions of
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54 Section 2.5 of the Slidell Zoning Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
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56 and upon conviction be punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 per tree illegally
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58 removed.

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60 Section 2.2510 Landscaping Requirement

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62 Section 2.2511 Purpose: The purpose of these provisions is to prescribe
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64 standards for landscaping and screening within Slidell. The existing street trees
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66 by the character they give to established streets should be preserved.

1 The general appearance of the community through the use of plant material as a
2 unifying element should be improved. Materials should define spaces and articulate
3 the uses of specific areas. The effects of climate should be mitigated by the
4 provision of shade and shelter and these materials should also aid the conservation
5 of energy by the provision of shade during summer months any by buffering winds
6 during the winter.
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9 Section 2.2512 Applicability - Developers or landowners are responsible
10 for providing and maintaining the landscaping herein required. These standards
11 shall apply to new high density residential, (ten or more units per acre) commercial
12 and industrial development.

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14 Section 2.2513 Perimeter Planting Required - A perimeter planting area,
15 ten feet in diameter shall be established off public right-of-way between the
16 public right-of-ways and parking areas or structures. Materials installed
17 should achieve a balance between low lying vertical and horizontal shrubbery
18 and trees.

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20 Section 2.2514 Parking Lot Planting Required - Parking lot interior
21 shall be designed to provide at least one tree for every twelve parking spaces. Each
22 tree shall be located in a landscaped island at least 200 square feet and tree
23 trunks shall be placed at a minimum of five (5) feet from all curbs or wheel guards.
24 Trees will be distributed uniformly throughout the parking lot so as to provide a
25 canopy effect.

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27 Section 2.2515 Pedestrian Access Planting Required - Landscaped areas
28 must be provided between the building face and the parking lot. Such areas should
29 provide 200 square feet of landscaped open space for each 50 feet of linear
30 building face. No planting areas shall be a side less then five (5) feet long and
31 planting materials should achieve a balance bewteen low lying and vertical shrubbery
32 and trees.

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34 Section 2.2516 Trees selected shall have a minimum maturity height of
35 at least twenty (20) feet. The following list identifies trees suggested for
36 planting and the minimum sizes acceptable for planting:

TREES	HEIGHT	CALIPER DIAMETER
River Birch (multi-trunk)	8 feet	1½ inches *
Chinese Elm	8 feet	1½ inches
Red Maple	8 feet	1½ inches

TREES	HEIGHT	CALIPER DIAMETER
Sweet Gum	8 feet	1½ inches
Water Oak	8 feet	1½ inches
Sweet Bay Magnolia	8 feet	1½ inches
Sycamore	8 feet	1½ inches
Slash Pine	6 feet	1 inch
Crepe Myrtle (multi-trunk)	6 feet	1 inch
Holly	4 feet	1 inch
<u>Foster I</u>		
<u>Howard I</u>		
<u>Savannah</u>		
<u>or equivalent</u>		

* Caliper diameter measured four inches above planting container.

Section 2.2517 Landscape Installation - All trees shall be installed with adequate support staking.

Section 2.2518 Required Inspections - The landscaping will be inspected by the Permit Office and approved prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 1982.

DELIVERED 12-16-82

9:15 A.M. to the Mayor

RECEIVED 12-28-82

1:15 p.m. from the Mayor

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