

**ORDINANCE NO. 491**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 364, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, REGULATING THE PLANTING AND REMOVAL OF STREET TREES AND TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY, REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN TREES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF TREES FROM ABUSE AND MUTILATION, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" TO REDUCE PERMIT FEES FOR TREE REMOVAL WHERE REMOVAL IS REQUIRED BY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE SUBJECT TREE OR TREES TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PARCEL OF LAND WHERE THE SUBJECT TREE IS SITUATED, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen (the "Governing Body") of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, (the "Municipality") having made due investigation therefore, do now find, determined, adjudicate and declare as follows:

1. That in order to more effectively fulfill the purpose and intent of the City's "Tree Ordinance", being Ordinance No. 364, and equitably assess the cost of application and enforcement of same, particularly in those instances where removal of a tree or trees is necessitated by material damage caused by such tree or trees to permanent improvement or improvements on the parcel where such tree or trees are situated, it is necessary to amend the permit fees for trees permitted to be removed pursuant to the said ordinance. Now therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 7 of said Ordinance No. 364 of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, REGULATING THE PLANTING AND REMOVAL OF STREET TREES AND TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY, REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN TREES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF TREES FROM ABUSE AND MUTILATION, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" as amended, be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"SECTION 7. FINAL APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BODY REQUIRED FOR TREE REMOVAL PERMIT.**

(a) And its next regular meeting following the receipt of the recommendations of the Planning Commission concerning an application for Tree Removal Permit, or at such meeting to which the same may be recessed or adjourned, the Mayor and Governing Body of the City shall take final action in granting or denying the application for Tree Removal Permit. The underlying facts and circumstances for granting or denying the application shall be spread upon the minutes of the Mayor and Governing Body. Any person feeling aggrieved at the finding and decisions of the Mayor and Governing Body of the City shall have the right to appeal by bill of exceptions to the Circuit Court in and for the First Judicial District of Harrison County, Mississippi, in the manner provided by the Laws of the State of Mississippi.

(b) As a condition of granting the Tree Removal Permit, the City, acting by and through its Mayor and Board of Aldermen, may require the applicant to relocate or replace trees, but may not require the replacement of trees in a number greater than the number of Live Oak or Magnolia trees removed; trees to be of Four (4) inches caliper deciduous trees or five (5) feet in height of evergreen or Live Oak or Magnolia trees.

(c) Upon issuance of a Tree Removal Permit, the permit fees will be as follows:

1) For Removal of a tree or trees where such removal of such tree or trees is necessitated by material damage caused by such tree or trees to permanent improvement or improvements on the parcel where such tree or trees are situated, a fee of \$ 1.00 per tree permitted to be removed;

2) For Removal of all other trees, a fee of \$45.00 per tree permitted to be removed"

**SECTION 2. Severability**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application thereof, be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date**

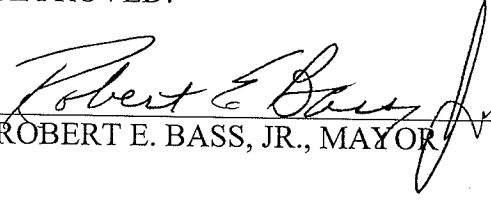
This ordinance shall take effect and be and force thirty (30) days after its adoption, publication and enrollment thereof as provided by law.

The above and foregoing Ordinance No. 491 was introduced in writing by Alderman Rouse who moved its adoption. Alderman Ponthieux seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance, and after discussion, no member of the Board of Aldermen having requested the Ordinance to be read by the City Clerk, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Jimmy Levens	voted	Aye
Alderman Jerry Rouse	voted	Aye
Alderman Gary Ponthieux	voted	Aye
Alderman Richard Bennett	voted	Aye
Alderman Billy Skellie	voted	Aye
Alderman Allen D. Holder, Jr.	voted	Aye
Alderman Joseph McNary	voted	Aye

The question having received the affirmative vote of all the Alderman present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried in the said Ordinance adopted and approved this the 17<sup>th</sup> day February, 2004.

APPROVED:

  
ROBERT E. BASS, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
REBECCA E. SCHRUFF, CITY CLERK