

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 24, 2015

RE: **611 Grinnell Street Unit #4 (permit application # T15-7451)**

FROM: Karen DeMaria, City of Key West Urban Forestry Manager

An application was received for the removal of **(1) Rubber tree**. A site inspection was done on June 19, 2015 and documented the following:

Rubber Tree (*Ficus elastica*)

























Diameter: 79" – 24" = 55" (main trunk and one large aerial root)

Location: 20% (major foundation issues. Tree also damaging house itself)

Species: 0% (tree species is on not protected tree list-regulated due to size)

Condition: 30% (poor, decay)

Total Average Value = 16%

**Value x Diameter = 8.8 replacement caliper inches**

**Recommend approval for the removal of (1) large rubber tree at 611 Grinnell Street to be replaced with 8.8 caliper inches of FL#1 dicot trees from approved list, to be planted on site.**



# Application





6-8-15  
need  
access

7451

# Tree Permit Application

Date: June 5, 2015

**Please Clearly Print** All Information unless indicated otherwise.

**Tree Address** 611 Grinnell Street, Unit #4, Key West, FL 33040

**Cross/Corner Street** N/A (off the street in back of compound)

**List Tree Name(s) and Quantity** Rubber Tree 2 that have grown together *1 tree + 1 advised root KD*

**Species Type(s) check all that apply** ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit (X) Shade ( ) Unsure

**Reason(s) for Application:**

(X) REMOVE ( ) Tree Health (X) Safety (X) Other/Explain below

( ) TRANSPLANT ( ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below

( ) HEAVY MAINTENANCE ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

**Other/Explain** The tree branches are a hazard as they are directly above our roof. Any wind storm could cause these large branches to fall, endangering homes and lives.

**Reason for Request** The tree roots are also a hazard as they are upheaving our foundation and present a trip and fall hazard.

**Property Owner Name** William D. Binder and Cheryl R. McDiarmid

**Property Owner eMail Address** bill@cherylandbill.com, mcmermaid@cherylandbill.com

**Property Owner Mailing Address** 611 Grinnell Street, Unit #4

**Property Owner Mailing City** Key West **State** FL **Zip** 33040

**Property Owner Phone Number** ( 517 ) 655 - 5390 (Cheryl) (517) 614-1661 (Bill)

**Property Owner Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative eMail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative Mailing City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative Phone Number** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: A Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will be representing the owner at a Tree Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.

Tree Representation Authorization form attached ( )

<<<<< **Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street** >>>>>

*Cheryl  
250"  
79" dbh  
79-24-55"  
500' Travel*



**If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.**



**Date:** June 5, 2015  
**To:** Jo Bennett, City of Key West Tree Commission  
Karen DeMaria, City of Key West Tree Commission  
**From:** William D. Binder  
Cheryl R. McDiarmid  
**Subject:** Tree Removal at 611 Grinnell

We are requesting permission from the City of Key West to remove a large rubber tree. It is difficult to say whether we are referring to one tree or two. It appears to have two separate trunks that have grown together overhead. The circumference of the first trunk is 177 inches. The circumference of the second trunk is 72 inches; both measurements were taken about three feet above the ground. The following pictures hopefully illustrate the size of the tree and the hazard it is causing.





## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Cheryl McDiarmid <mcmmermaid@cherylandbill.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 3:58 PM  
**To:** Jo Bennett; Karen DeMaria  
**Cc:** bill binder  
**Subject:** Request for Tree Removal Permit  
**Attachments:** 1393268330\_83738.pdf; TreeRemoval.docx

Hi Jo,

Thanks for discussing our tree situation with me moments ago. Per your recommendation, I have downloaded and completed the [Tree Permit Application](#) and have attached an additional document to this email that illustrates the tree and it's location.

Thank you again and please let me know what I need to do next.

Have a great weekend.

Cheryl R. McDiarmid  
William D. Binder