

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 28, 2015

**RE: 411 Elizabeth Street (permit application #7375)**

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

An application was received for the removal of **(1) Spanish Lime tree**. A site inspection was done on April 13, 2015 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Spanish Lime (*Melicoccus bijugatus*)







Base of tree,  
one stump with  
two trunks









Large decay  
area-goes down  
into main trunk



















Diameter: 51"

Location: 70%

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 30% (decay in main trunk)

Total Average Value = 66%

**Value x Diameter = 33.6 replacement caliper inches**



## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Nicholas Downs <acaringtreecompany@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 11:11 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Re: Resending email from yesterday

Hi Karen,

I had sent you this email yesterday but apparently to the old address I had on file for you.

Sorry for the delay.

Karen,

I was called to inspect a large cavity in the Spanish Lime located in the front of 411 Elizabeth. I took a piece of rebar to get a measurement of the depth of decay and it was hollow throughout the attachment area of the branch.

If the decayed branch is removed it would unbalance the tree and would not be a viable solution. The only safe recommendation is removal.

Attached are photographs.

Thank you,  
Nick  
3 Attachments

[Preview attachment 411 Elizabeth.jpg](#)



[411 Elizabeth.jpg](#)

[Preview attachment 411 Elizabeth2.jpg](#)



[411 Elizabeth2.jpg](#)

[Preview attachment 411 Elizabeth3.jpg](#)



[411 Elizabeth3.jpg](#)

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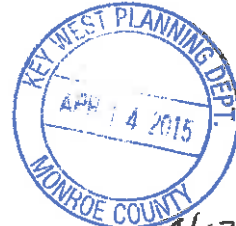






# Application





7375

## Tree Permit Application

Date: 4/13/15

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 411 Elizabeth St.  
Cross/Corner Street Edwin + Elizabeth St.  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity Spanish Lime x1  
Species Type(s) check all that apply ☐ Palm ☐ Flowering ☒ Fruit ☐ Shade ☐ Unsure  
Reason(s) for Application:

☒ REMOVE ☒ Tree Health ☒ Safety ☐ Other/Explain below  
☐ TRANSPLANT ☐ New Location ☐ Same Property ☐ Other/Explain below  
☐ HEAVY MAINTENANCE ☐ Branch Removal ☐ Crown Cleaning/Thinning ☐ Crown Reduction  
Other/Explain Extensive decay in trunk, weakened stem attachment that could fail

Reason for Request

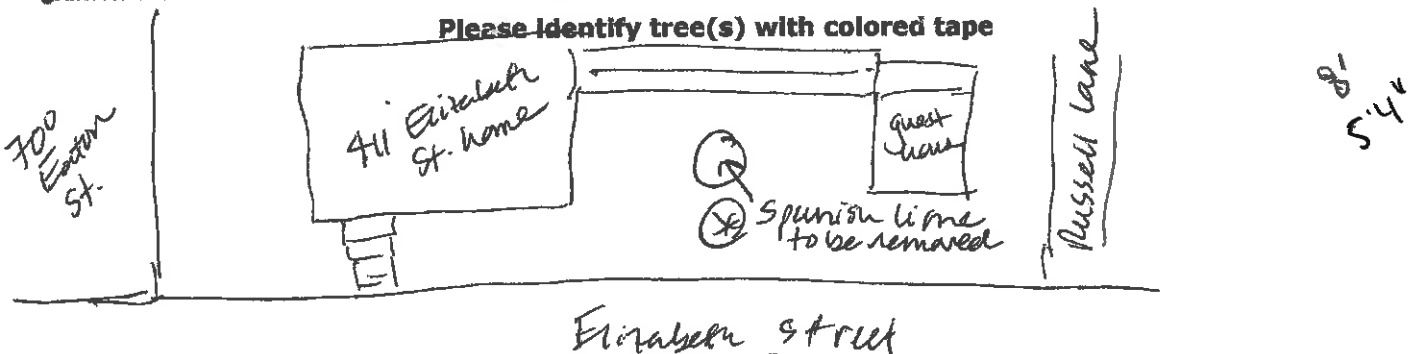
Property Owner Name Jessica Johnson  
Property Owner eMail Address jessicabjohnson@yahoo.com  
Property Owner Mailing Address 601 Amalfi Drive  
Property Owner Mailing City Pacific Palisades State CA Zip 90272  
Property Owner Phone Number (310) 770-4793  
Property Owner Signature

Representative Name Nicholas Downs  
Representative eMail Address a caring tree company@gmail.com  
Representative Mailing Address 19264 Acosta Trail  
Representative Mailing City Sugarloaf Key State FL Zip 33042  
Representative Phone Number (305) 432-1764

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 >>>>>



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



>>>> Subject: 700 Eaton & 411 Elizabeth

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>>>> Hi Karen,

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>>>> I met with Nick Downs and he found significant tree rot/damage/hazards with the poinciana tree on the property line of 700 & 704 Eaton (see attached) as well as the Spanish lime trees at the rear corner of 704 Eaton and front of 411 Elizabeth and recommend immediate removal/heavy maintenance. Please advise how best to proceed as I'd like to resolve these issues asap before hurricane season as I'm concerned about liability & safety of people & nearby structures.

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>>>> Sincerely,

>>>> Jessica Johnson & Mike Downer

>>>> Owners, 411 Elizabeth St

>>>> Members, Poinciana Partners, LLC (700 Eaton St)

>>> <TEMPLATE-Tree Representation Authorization Form-20140222.pdf>





## Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 3/31/15

Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 411 Elizabeth St.

Property Owner Name Michael Downer + Jessica Johnson  
Property Owner eMail Address jessicajohnson@yahoo.com  
Property Owner Mailing Address 601 Anelli Drive  
Property Owner Mailing City Pacific Palisades State CA Zip 90272  
Property Owner Phone Number (310) 770-4793  
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name Nicholas Downer  
Representative eMail Address aacnbytreecompany@gmail.com  
Representative Mailing Address 19264 Acosta Trail  
Representative Mailing City Sugarwater Key State FL Zip 33042  
Representative Phone Number (305) 432-1764

I Jessica Johnson, hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 31 day 2015.

By (Print name of Affiant) Jessica Johnson who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did take an oath.

### NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: [Signature]

Print Name: Wayne Fox

My Commission Expires: 10/20/15

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

