

## THE CITY OF KEY WEST Tree Commission

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## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BEFORE THE TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST

November 21, 2016

Tree Commission City of Key West Petitioner,

Vs.

The Community Association Company and 305 Whitehead Street
Key West, FL 33040

Key West Golf Course HOA

An administrative hearing before the Tree Commission for the City of Key West will be held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016,** at 5:00 p.m., at Old City Hall, 510 Greene St. Key West, Florida.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to sections 110-288 et. seq. of the Key West City Code. The purpose of this hearing will be to determine if a code violation has been committed by the above named Respondent. Your presence is required at this Tree Commission meeting.

Date of alleged violation: prior to September 21, 2016 at 5 Kestral Way

Alleged code violation: Sec. 110-256. Tree abuse.

- (b) *Prohibited acts.* A tree shall be considered abused if a person takes an action so that one of the following occurs:
  - (1) Significant damage has been inflicted upon any part of a tree, including the root system, by machinery, storage of materials, soil compaction, excavation, vehicle accidents, chemical application or change to the natural grade.
  - (2) Damage inflicted to or cutting upon a tree which permits infection or pest infestation.

Factual allegation: A Mahogany tree trunk was abused. Improper cuts were made to the trunk and root area of the tree.



If the Tree Commission for the City of Key West finds that there has been a violation of the above code section, it will elect to enter into a compliance settlement agreement pursuant to section 110-291 of the Key West City Code or recommend a fine and further hearing before the Special Master of The City of Key West pursuant to section 110-294 of the Key West City Code.

Attendees are hereby notified that a complete and accurate record of the proceeding is required under Florida Statute 286.0105 if an appeal is sought. Appellants are responsible for providing transcription services.

I hereby certify that the forgoing notice has been e-mailed to the Respondents representatives, and has been sent regular mail and certified U.S. Mail to the above named Respondent's listed address on this **22**<sup>th</sup> **day of November 2016.** 

If you have any questions, please call the office at (305) 809-3768.

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