

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 4, 2016

RE: Administrative Hearing, 3101 N. Roosevelt Blvd (Ibis Bay)

On November 4, 2016, phone calls were received regarding the improper trimming of coconut palms at the Ibis Bay property on N. Roosevelt Blvd. A site inspection documented that palms were being cut similar to hurricane cuts and that living trunk tissue had been shaved.

This property received a Warning Notice regarding the improper trimming of palms in June 2014.













Additional Information



THE CITY OF KEY WEST
Tree Commission
P.O. BOX 1409
Key West, Fl 33041-1409

June 26, 2014

Christopher Holland LLC
1013 South Street
Key West, FL 33040

And

A. Osborne Sr LLC
3101 N. Roosevelt Blvd.
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mr. Holland and Mr. Osborne:

Recent trimming of palm trees on your property located at 3101 N. Roosevelt Blvd, Ibis Bay Beach Resort, violates standards set forth in the recently updated Section 110 (Tree Protection) City of Key Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 110-402. Palms.

- (a) Palm pruning should be performed when fronds, fruit, or loose petioles may create a dangerous condition.
- (b) Live healthy fronds, should not be removed above the level horizontal plane initiating at the heart of the tree.
- (c) Fronds removed should be severed close to the petiole base without damaging living trunk tissues.
- (d) Palm peeling (shaving) should consist of the removal of the dead frond bases only, at the point they make contact with the trunk without damaging living trunk tissue.

- (e) Climbing spurs shall not be used to trim palms unless:
- (1) A total tree removal permit is approved according to section 110-321; or
 - (2) A permit for maintenance trimming has been approved by the Tree Commission and satisfies the following criteria:
 - i. The palm tree cannot be accessed by a bucket truck.
 - ii. The work is being done by a certified arborist.
 - iii. The tree is of a height that safety of the arborist is an issue.
- (f) Hurricane cuts are not approved methods of palm pruning.





On June 18, 2014, I noticed that the coconut palms on your property had been trimmed. This trimming appears to be cuts made above the horizontal plane and therefore, improper. With this letter I am warning you of the change in the City of Key West palm frond trimming regulations. Please inform your workers and any company in charge of maintaining your property of the City of Key West Tree Ordinance.

I have also included a copy of sections of the City of Key West tree regulations regarding the trimming, transplanting, and removal of trees within the city limits. If you have any questions regarding the City of Key West Tree Ordinance, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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