

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 28, 2021

RE: 1702 Josephine Street (permit application # T2021-0128)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)



Photo showing location of tree, view 1.





Photo showing location of tree, view 2.





Photo showing  
root system  
and trunk of  
tree, view 1.



Photo of tree  
canopy, view 1.





Photo of tree canopy, view 2.



Photo showing root system and trunk of tree, view 2.



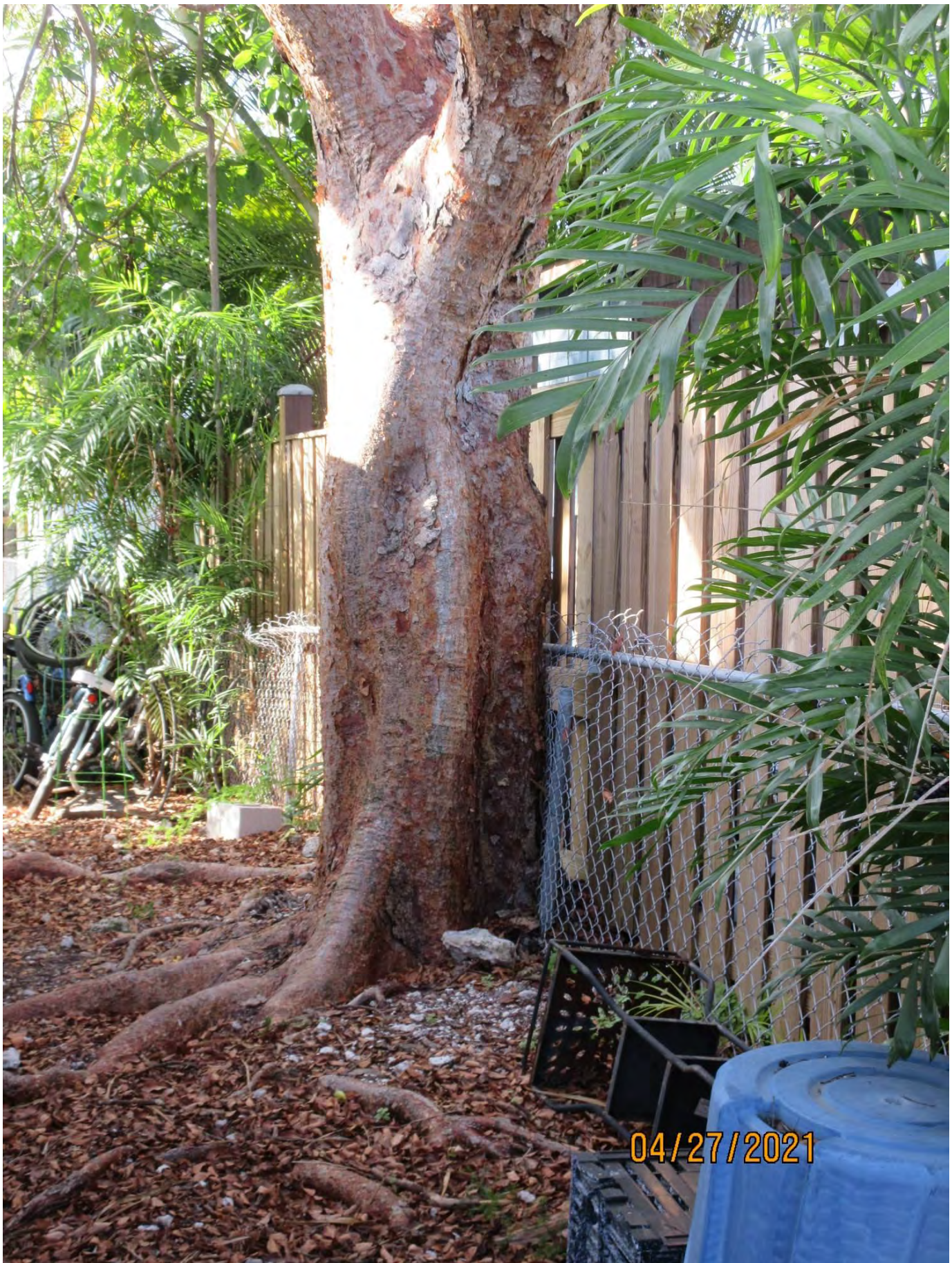


Photo showing root system and trunk of tree, view 3.





Close up of bark. Yellow discolored bark areas appear to be on surface of tree (was able to peel some off and find good bark skin).





Photo of tree trunk with discolored bark and base of tree.





Photo looking over the fence at neighbors property and rest of root system for tree.





Photo showing root system and trunk of tree, view 4.





Photo of tree trunk.





Two photos showing surface root system in relation to garage structure.





Photo showing proximity of roots and garage structure.

Diameter: 26.1"

Location: 50% (growing in side yard close to property line. Property owner states roots impacting garage)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (overall condition is fair to good, large healthy tree, some evidence of insects but only in exterior bark area. When peel/scrape test done skin bark area looked fine.)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = 19 replacement caliper inches



# Application





T2021-0128.

## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 4-21-2021

Tree Address 1702 Josephine St  
Cross/Corner Street Blanche St.  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Gumbo Limbo tree  
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 Trim ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

### Additional Information and Explanation

The tree's roots have already done considerable damage to the garage. The house and garage have been treated for subterranean termites and they appear to still be in the tree, Charles D. + Roxana Pierce ✓

Property Owner Name  
Property Owner email Address  
Property Owner Mailing Address  
Property Owner Phone Number  
Property Owner Signature

1702 Josephine St.

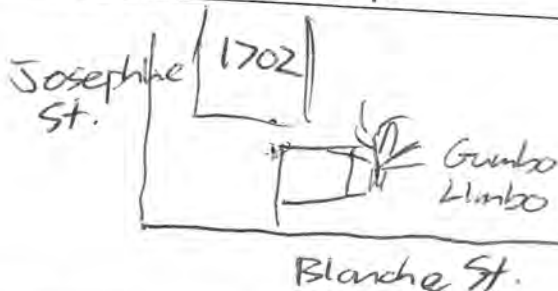
Representative Name  
Representative email Address  
Representative Mailing Address  
Representative Phone Number

Kenneth King

1602 Laird St.

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  
Please identify tree(s) with colored tape



big healthy tree  
no evidence of termites  
4-27-21  
6'10" circ

ants/insects -  
yellow trail  
back only  
26.1" dbh

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





## Tree Representation Authorization

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.**

Date 4-21-21  
Tree Address 1702 JOSEPHINE ST KEY WEST FL 33040  
Property Owner Name ROXANA PIERCE  
Property Owner Mailing Address 1704 JOSEPHINE ST KEY WEST FL 33040  
Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip KEY WEST FL 33040  
Property Owner Phone Number 305 731 4233  
Property Owner email Address KW ROXIE 1975@AOL.COM  
Property Owner Signature X [Signature]  
  
Representative Name Kenneth King  
Representative Mailing Address 1602 2nd St  
Representative Mailing City, State, Zip Key West FL 33040  
Representative Phone Number 305-296-8101  
Representative email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I ROXANA M PIERCE 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 X [Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 21<sup>st</sup> day April 2021.  
By (Print name of Affiant) ROXANA PIERCE who is personally known to me or has produced as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

Sign name:

Print name:

[Signature]  
Nicole Rhodes

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public-State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

