

Hi Karen,

I just left the city planning office and was referred to you over tree concerns. I live at 1017 Southard St and my back yard and driveway connect to 10 Lowes Ln.

10 Lowes Ln was purchased this August and since its purchase the new owner has taken down a section of my fence, came into my yard, climbed my Gumbo Limbo Tree and a palm tree with a sawzall and started cutting. I requested for him to leave and he said he didn't know he could not do that!

He then removed every tree from his property except one small palm.

Now I just received his new construction plan - he is requesting a variance for his project - his new roof line will impact my Gumbo Limbo tree, my Royal Poinciana tree and one of my very large specimen palm trees. I am concerned about his intentions, and willingness to obey the law.

I would welcome any and all suggestions from you as to my rights. He seems unconcerned with any city planning rules, and has indeed begun construction on his house though his plans are not yet approved.

Thank you very much,  
Jennifer Cole  
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