



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

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From: Karen DeMaria, Urban Forestry Manager

Reference: Tree Commission Tree Protection Ordinance Workshop (Sec. 110)

Listed below are items that are recommended to be included in the Tree Ordinance:

1. Staff Approvals of Permits: The Urban Forestry Manager shall be authorized to approve permits for the removal of non-native palms, for maintenance trimming of all dicot trees, transplantations, and root trimming of trees.
 Agree Disagree
2. Palm tree counts are determined by root ball. Replacement palms should be native palms trees, 4 ft tall in total height from ground to frond
 Agree Disagree
or from ground to heart as how we measure the height for permitting.
 Agree Disagree
3. Credit of 2:1 shall be given to the homeowner/applicant for using State listed Threatened or Endangered plant species on replacement values for dicot trees.
 Agree Disagree
4. Permits will be finalized within three days of the Tree Commission approval of the permit. Final permits will be held in office for one week then mailed to the applicant and representative.
 Agree Disagree

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5. Tree Trimming: a permit is not required for the trimming of a dicot tree if; less than 1/3 of the tree and/or canopy is being removed and the trimming does not impact the overall shape of the tree; branches being removed are not a primary, structural branch; and the work is done according to ANSI A-300 standards. A permit is required for the removal of large, structural branches and if the tree is being reduced in size and density by more than 1/3. A tree trimming permit will include a condition that requires the tree to be monitored for one year to ensure the health of the tree.

_____ Agree _____ Disagree

6. Admin hearings: the tree commission should have the ability in tree trimming / hat racking type cases, to require the homeowner to hire an arborist after one year of growth, to properly re-trim the tree.

_____ Agree _____ Disagree

7. Presently the code does not specify the species for replacement trees. Fruit trees and Royal Poinciana trees should be allowable replacements on private property. The code should include this along with a possible statement of what is allowable (allowable replacement trees are trees listed on the specially protected tree list and/or Florida Keys native tree list.

_____ Agree _____ Disagree