



THE CITY OF KEY WEST  
Urban Forestry  
1300 White Street  
Key West, FL 33040

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## Tree Removal Report

**PROPERTY:** 1428 Virginia St.

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** T2026-0117

**REQUEST:** The applicant is requesting removal of (2) Mastwood/Beautyleaf Trees

### TREE ASSESSMENT and PHOTOS



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**Diameter: 7 & 12**

**Location: 70%**

**Species: 50%**

**Condition: 70%**

**Value: 63.3%**

**Recommended Mitigation: 12 Caliper Inches**

The subject trees are two mature Mastwood (Beauty Leaf) trees located in Key West, Florida. Both trees are growing immediately adjacent to a white picket fence, with root flares situated directly against a City right-of-way concrete sidewalk. The planting locations provide limited space for root expansion and long-term development. Tree #1 exhibits a codominant stem structure with included bark at the union, representing a structural defect that may increase the likelihood of future stem failure. Tree #2 displays sparse foliage throughout the canopy and irregular branch architecture, which may be indicative of underlying root-related stress or other site limitations.

Both trees have canopies extending into overhead communication lines and are beginning to encroach upon the primary electrical conductors above. As the trees continue to mature, conflicts with utility infrastructure will likely increase, necessitating routine utility line-clearance pruning. Such pruning practices are typically focused on maintaining line clearance rather than preserving optimal tree structure and health, which may further compromise the long-term condition and appearance of these trees.

While both specimens currently retain moderate landscape value, the planting locations are not well suited for their long-term growth and development. Considering the structural concerns, utility conflicts, site limitations, and observed canopy conditions, both trees have been assigned an overall condition rating of approximately 70%. Additionally, Mastwood (Beauty Leaf) is not listed as a protected species under the City's protected tree provisions.

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