

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 27, 2014

**RE: 720 Emma Street (permit application #7058)**

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

An application was received for the removal of **(2) Strangler Fig trees**. A site inspection was done on August 21, 2014 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)









Tree #1: Diameter: 17.8”

Location: 20% (major foundation issues to two properties-  
structures, sewer and water lines)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor)

Total Average Value = 56%

Value x Diameter = **9.9 replacement caliper inches**

Tree #2: Diameter: 26.7”

Location: 20% (major foundation issues to two properties-  
structures, sewer and water lines)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor)

Total Average Value = 56%

Value x Diameter = **14.9 replacement caliper inches**

**Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (2) Strangler Fig trees located at 720 Emma Street, to be replaced with 24.8 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees.**



Karen DeMaria &lt;kdemaria@keywestcity.com&gt;

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## Tree 720 Emma St

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Christopher Bradley <cjbrad7@aol.com>  
To: kdemaria@keywestcity.com

Thu, Aug 21, 2014 at 12:04 PM

Hi Karen. My name is Chris Bradley. We spoke today when you were at 720 Emma St looking at the tree between 720 and 718 Emma St. I am the president of Bahama Harbor Condo Association. We are located at 716/718 Emma St. Last year one of our owners had to have her plumbing replaced due to a major root problem coming from the tree at 720 Emma St. This tree has grown into our building and caused the plumbing problem. The cost of the plumbing was over \$4000. Since we are a condo, all owners shared in the cost. This cost each owner over \$900. Please have the owners remove this tree. No we are looking at major structural damage to our building if this tree continues to grow.

If you need to contact me my cell is [305-923-6757](tel:305-923-6757).

Thank you for your time.

Christopher J Bradley  
716 Emma St  
Unit A  
Key West, Fl 33040

# Application



7058

# Tree Permit Application

Date: 8-18-2014

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 720 Emma St Key West  
 Cross/Corner Street Arxela St  
 List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 2 Strangler Figs  
 Species Type(s) check all that apply ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit  Shade ( ) Unsure  
 Reason(s) for Application:

- REMOVE ( ) Tree Health ( ) Safety ( ) Other/Explain below
- ( ) TRANSPLANT ( ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below
- ( ) HEAVY MAINTENANCE ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

Other/Explain Both are located in a small space between

Reason for Request the buildings & have caused damage to plumbing & are starting to ruin building

Property Owner Name Peter L. Cushman  
 Property Owner eMail Address pc@keywest.com  
 Property Owner Mailing Address P.O. Box 1551  
 Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33041-1551  
 Property Owner Phone Number (305) 295-9000  
 Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

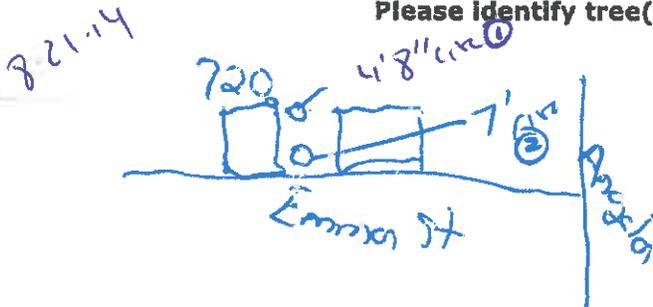
Representative Name Nick Downs, A Canopy Tree Co  
 Representative eMail Address acanopytree.com  
 Representative Mailing Address 19264 Acosta Blvd  
 Representative Mailing City Sugarloaf Key State F.L. Zip 33042  
 Representative Phone Number (305) 432-1764

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



① 17.8" dbh

② 26.7" 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**

Date: 8/18/2014

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.

Tree Address 120 EMMA ST, KEY WEST, FL

Property Owner Name VICTOR L. CUSHMAN

Property Owner eMail Address JOANNEY.WEST@JWC.COM

Property Owner Mailing Address PO BOX 1551

Property Owner Mailing City KEY WEST State FL Zip 33041-1551

Property Owner Phone Number (305) 295-9000

Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name Victor L. Cushman A CARING TREE SERVICE

Representative eMail Address VCUSHMAN@CARINGTREE.COM

Representative Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Mailing City KEY WEST State FL Zip 33041

Representative Phone Number (305) 432-1144

I, Victor L. Cushman, 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 Victor L. Cushman

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 18<sup>th</sup> day August 2014.

By (Print name of Affiant) Victor L. Cushman who (is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Abby Thomas

My Commission Expires: 10/22/16

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

