



**THE CITY OF KEY WEST  
Tree Commission**

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING  
BEFORE THE TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST**

June 2, 2025

Tree Commission  
City of Key West  
Petitioner,

Vs.

Key West Rentals LLC  
Attn: Chris Sante  
PO Box 373006  
Key Largo, FL 33037  
Respondents,

CBT Construction and Development Inc  
Attn: Christopher Trentine  
PO Box 1057  
Tavernier, FL 33070

An administrative hearing before the Tree Commission for the City of Key West will be held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m., at **Josephine Parker City Hall at Historic Glynn R. Archer School, 1300 White Street, Key West, Florida.**

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to sections 110-288 et. seq. of the Key West City Code. The purpose of this hearing will be to determine if a code violation has been committed by the above named Respondent(s). **Your presence is required at this Tree Commission meeting.**

**Date of alleged violation: prior to March 11, 2025 at 1228 Flagler Ave, Key West, FL:**

**Sec. 110-321. - Required.**

- (a) Unless a tree removal permit approved by the tree commission and issued by the urban forestry manager has been obtained, no person, whether on publicly or privately owned land, shall cause tree abuse or other harm, or major maintenance to, hatracking, transplanting, topping or removal of the following:

- (1) Any tree listed as "specially protected" in section 110-253; or
- (2) Any monocot/palm tree which is ten (10) feet or more in height measured to the terminal bud. Palm tree counts are determined by root ball



**Factual allegation: (1) Silver Buttonwood, (1) Green Buttonwood, (1) Mango Tree, and at least (2) palms greater than 10ft in height were removed during the demolition of a duplex without a permit from Urban Forestry/ the Tree Commission.**



Google Streetview of 1228 Flagler Ave from August 2022.



A photo provided for the review of BLD2025-0586 for the construction of a new 2-family home. This is prior to the duplex being demoed.



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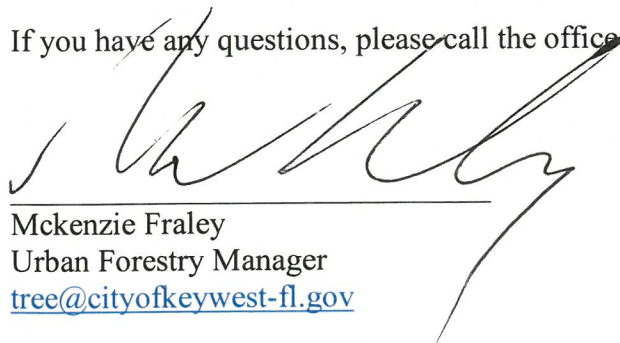
A photo uploaded to Trakit after the demolition. This was taken November 27, 2024 based on the timestamp.

If the Tree Commission for the City of Key West finds that there has been a violation of the above code section, it will elect to enter into a compliance settlement agreement pursuant to section 110-291 of the Key West City Code or recommend a fine and further hearing before the Special Master of the City of Key West pursuant to section 110-294 of the Key West City Code.

Attendees are hereby notified that a complete and accurate record of the proceeding is required under Florida Statute 286.0105 if an appeal is sought. Appellants are responsible for providing transcription services.

I hereby certify that the forgoing notice has been sent via e-mail, regular mail, and certified U.S. Mail to the above named Respondent's listed address on this **2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please call the office at (305) 809-3768.



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