



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

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## **Tree Removal Report**

**PROPERTY: 201 GRINNELL ST (Ferry Terminal)**

**APPLICATION NUMBER: T2026-0119**

**REQUEST: The applicant is requesting removal of (5) Dicots & (3) Palms.**

**TREE ASSESSMENT and PHOTOS**



**TREE #4 Jamaica Caper**

*Key to the Caribbean – average yearly temperature 77 ° Fahrenheit.*



**TREE #7 Spanish Stopper**

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**TREE #10 Sabal Palmetto (likely a volunteer)**

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**TREE #1 & #2 Blollies**

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**TREE #11 Royal Palm**

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**a Jamaica Caper used to be here. Not sure how it was lost but it is accounted for on the site plan/landscape plan. Currently there is a volunteer Sabal Palmetto.**

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**TREE #13 & 14 Sabal Palmetto**

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**TREE #7 Spanish Stopper**

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**TREE #8 Spanish Stopper no longer present but is accounted for on the site plan/landscape plan.**

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**There is a total of 7 trees being removed. 3 of which are already gone. The condition of the trees being removed is poor which can be seen in the provided photos. The landscape plans calls for (7) Pigeon Plums and (6) Spanish Stoppers.**

**For this project, I approve the use of 25-gallon Spanish stopper and 12-14' Pigeon Plums. This size provides an excellent balance between immediate visual impact, availability, ease of installation, and long-term establishment success.**

**These plants are large enough to create an established appearance upon installation while remaining readily available from local nurseries in sufficient quantities. The larger nursery inventories associated with this size also allow for better selection of healthy, well-structured plant material.**

**From a construction standpoint, 25-gallon specimens can be installed using conventional equipment and manpower, reducing labor costs and minimizing site disturbance. This is particularly important in Key West, where excavation through cap rock can be challenging and costly. The smaller planting holes required for said plants are considerably more manageable than those needed for larger container sizes.**

**Additionally, trees and shrubs of this size typically establish more quickly than oversized nursery stock, often resulting in better root development and improved long-term performance.**

**For these reasons, the proposed landscape plan represents a practical and cost-effective planting size that balances aesthetics, constructability, availability, and overall project success.**

**Additionally, there are (3) Palms being removed and (11) palms from our approved list proposed on the landscape plan.**

**The proposed planting of eleven new palms exceeds the replacement of the three planned landscape palms being removed and results in a substantial net increase in intentionally designed and managed palm canopy within the project area.**

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