

TREE COMMISSION TREE REMOVAL REPORT  
CITY of KEY WEST

PROPERTY: 1525 Johnson Street Right of Way

APPLICATION NUMBER: T2024-0379

REQUEST: The City is seeking removal of (1) Royal Poinciana trees (Delonix regia).



Photo of tree-  
application has  
additional  
photos.

TREE ASSESSMENT: Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)

Diameter: 24.2" dbh

Condition: 20% (poor, major decay in one of the main canopy trunk branches, tree has been infested with subterranean termites for over 4 years and different treatments have not killed the infestation therefore, we know that the root system of the tree is compromised which poses a safety risk to people and property)

Location: 80% (growing in right of way area near intersection of Thompson and Johnson-a residential area. Very visible tree.)

Species: 100% (on City of KW protected tree list)

Tree Value: 66%

Required Mitigation: 15.9 caliper inches

PREPARED BY:

*Karen DeMaria*

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# **APPLICATION**



12025-0002



### Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 1-7-25

**Tree Address** 1525 Johnson Row  
**Cross/Corner Street** Thompson St.  
**List Tree Name(s) and Quantity** 1- Royal Poinciana

**Reason(s) for Application:**

- Remove  Tree Health  Safety  Other/Explain below
- Transplant  New Location  Same Property  Other/Explain below
- Heavy Maintenance Trim  Branch Removal  Crown Cleaning/Thinning  Crown Reduction

**Additional Information and Explanation** Tree is infested with subterranean termites. Permit issued in 2021 to remove tree - adjacent property owner requested tree be treated instead. Tree still infested.

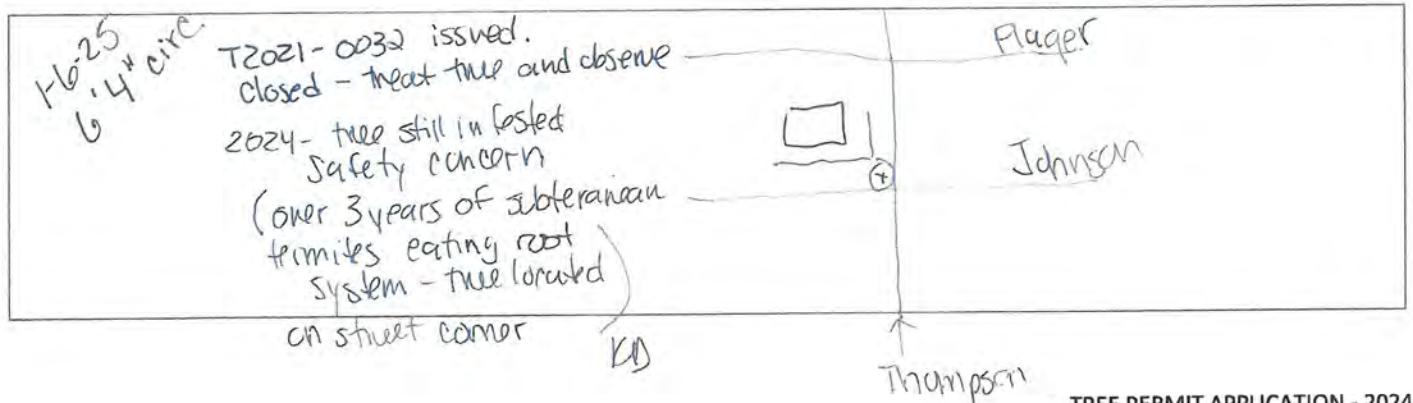
**Property Owner Name** City of Key West  
**Property Owner Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Property Owner Mailing Address** PO Box 1409 Kew Ft 33041  
**Property Owner Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Property Owner Signature** [Signature] "Thank You KAREN!"

**\*Representative Name** Karen DeLuca - Consulting Arborist  
**Representative Email Address** Ralph Maja - Superintendent Community Services  
**Representative Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Representative Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: A Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will represent the owner at a Tree Commission meeting or pick up an issued Tree Permit.

As of August 1, 2022, application fees are required. [Click here for the fee schedule.](#)

Sketch the tree's location (aerial view), including cross/corner street. Please identify tree(s) on the property regarding this application with colored tape or ribbon and if the tree is accessible.







Two photos of the whole tree showing location.







Photo of whole tree. Tree looks the same as in previous years including presence of termite mud trails.





Close up of mud trail in the included bark area of the tree crotch.





Termite mud trail in main trunk.





Active termites in mud trail on main trunk.





Photo of mud trail that goes down trunk to ground/root system.





Close up photo of large decay area in one of the canopy trunk branches,





CITY OF KEY WEST

# TREE PERMIT

Permit# T2021-0032 Date Issued February 10, 2021

Address 1525 Johnson St. ROW

This it to certify that City of Key West / Karen DeMaria

has permission to Remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree. Replacement of 15.5" caliper inches, FL #1 native dicot or fruit tree(s) of choice from approved list, to be planted on site.

Replacements shall be planted in the six (6) months from the approval date as described here in. All plants shall be planted according to current 'Best Management Practices'. Submit completed Job Completion form to Urban Forestry Manager for tree replacement inspection.

All replacement trees shall be maintained as trees in perpetuity.

as per application approved February 9, 2021

The person accepting this permit shall conform to the terms of the application on file in the office of the Tree Commission of Key West. All work shall conform to the requirements of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Chapter 110-Article VI. Tree Protection.

This Tree Permit is effective for 6 months from the date issued.

If this process requires blocking of a city right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact City of Key West at 305-809-3740.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This card must be posted in a location clearly visible from the street and in a protected covering.

APPROVED BY

Misha McRae - Tree Commission Chairman

City of Key West  
Tree Commission  
PO Box 1409  
Key West, FL 33041  
Phone: (305) 809-3725



# STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 27, 2021

RE: 1525 Johnson Street (permit application # T2021-0032)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)



Photo of whole tree at corner of Johnson and Thompson Streets, taken December 2020.





Subterranean termite mud trail

12/21/2020

Photo of tree trunk, view 1.





Photo of base of tree and tree trunk, view 1. Photo shows termite trails going up trunk and frass at base of tree.





Photo of tree trunk, view 2. Not large area of termite mud trail closer to crotch of tree.





Photo showing crotch area of the tree trunk and major decay at connection with large branch/trunk.





Photo of tree trunk and crotch area. Main trunk breaks off into two main trunks. Note major decay at base of one trunk and termite trails





Photo showing base and trunk of tree, view 2.





Close up photo of crotch area juncture.





Photo showing base of tree and termites trails.



Close up photo of mud trails and live termites, view 1.





Close up photo of mud trails and live termites, view 2.





Photo of whole tree taken in July 2020.

Diameter: 23.5"

Location: 80% (very visible tree growing on street corner on City right of way)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 20% (very poor, active subterranean termites in base and main trunk up to crotch of tree, major decay in canopy branches.)

Total Average Value = 66%

Value x Diameter = 15.5 replacement caliper inches



# Application





1 Tree Commission Meeting 2-9-21

T2021-0032



### Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 12-31-20

Tree Address 1525 Johnson St ROW  
 Cross/Corner Street Thompson  
 List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1- Royal Poinciana  
 Species Type(s) check all that apply ( ) Palm (X) Flowering ( ) Fruit ( ) Shade ( ) Unsure

#### Reason(s) for Application:

- (X) Remove (X) Tree Health (X) Safety ( ) Other/Explain below
- ( ) Transplant ( ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below
- ( ) Heavy Maintenance Trim ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

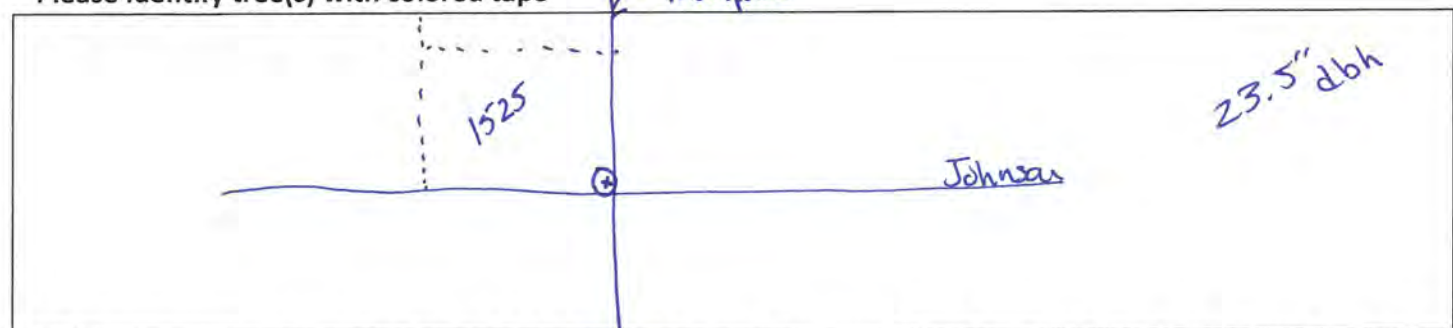
Additional Information and Explanation tree is infested with subterranean termites. Property owner has tried to do some treatment on the tree but the termites are still thriving. Tree located on city ROW.

Property Owner Name City of Key West ✓  
 Property Owner email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Owner Mailing Address PO Box 1409 KW FL 33041  
 Property Owner Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Owner Signature [Signature] 1/26/2021

Representative Name Karen DeLauria  
 Representative email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Phone Number x 3768

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



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March 2019 photo date 1600 Johnson St

across the corner

506 termites  
removal permit

1525 Johnson St  
ROW (Thompson)

12-24-20

1525 Johnson property owner  
Susan Wildnick (+ John)

M3 Quest @ yahoo.com

302 242 3134

tried to treat tree - no success  
OK with tree removal

6'2" circ

12-21-20  
left hand

Ken King - arborist, called  
in and stated tree is a  
potential hazard  
(he lives in the area)  
termite trails very noticeable





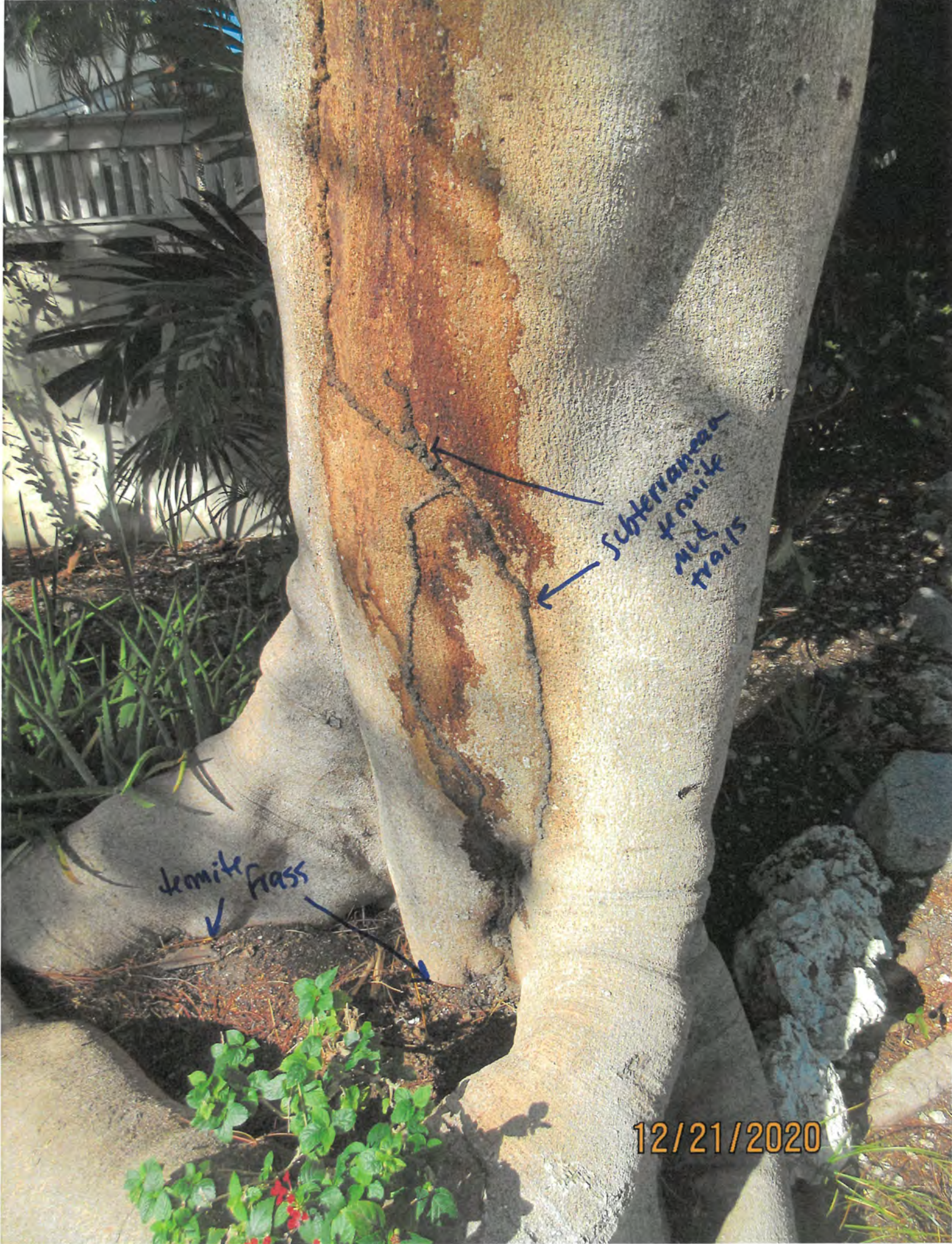
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← inside trail is here →

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