



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 16, 2022

Tree Commission
City of Key West
Petitioner,

Vs.

Maria Rita Vazquez
1310 Flagler Avenue
Key West, FL 33040

An administrative hearing before the Tree Commission for the City of Key West will be held on **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**, 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. **Your presence is required at this Tree Commission meeting.**

Date of alleged violation: May 19, 2022 at 1310 Flagler Avenue, 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;

Sec. 110-336. Pruning or heavy maintenance.

- (1) Pruning of trees shall be performed following pruning standards set by ANSI A-300 standards, as provided in division 5 of this article.
- (2) A permit is not required for the trimming of a dicot tree if: less than 1/3 of the tree and/or canopy is being removed as defined in section 110-252 as minor maintenance, and the trimming does not impact the overall shape of the tree; branches being removed are not primary, structural branches and are less than 6 inches in diameter; and the work is done according to ANSI A-300 standards.

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

- (3) A permit is required for the removal of large, structural branches and if the tree is being reduced in size or overall shape and density by more than 1/3 as defined in section 110-252 as major maintenance.

Section 110- Sec. 110-256. Tree abuse.

- (b) *Prohibited acts.* A tree shall be considered abused if a person takes an action so that one of the following occurs:

- (4) Cutting upon a tree which destroys its natural shape.

Factual allegation: One (1) Sea Grape tree has been improperly trimmed-tree abuse. Work was also done without benefit of a heavy maintenance trimming permit.



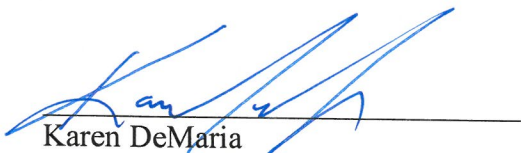


If the Tree Commission for the City of Key West finds that there has been a violation of the above code section, it will elect to enter into a compliance settlement agreement pursuant to section 110-291 of the Key West City Code or recommend a fine and further hearing before the Special Master of the 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 mailed to the Respondents and has been sent via regular mail and certified U.S. Mail to the above named Respondent's listed address on this **16th day of June 2022.**

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


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