

# **Staff Report**

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

DATE: January 24, 2014

**RE: 530 Catherine Street (permit application #6708 )**

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

An application was received for the removal of **(1) Avocado tree**. A site inspection was done on January 17, 2014 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Avocado (*Persea americana*)





Diameter: 13.4" dsh

Location: 70% (potential future issues with roof)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 30% (very poor, girdled roots, old trunk decay at base, poor structure, decay in canopy)

Total Average Value = 66%

Value x Diameter = **8.8 replacement caliper (dsh) inches**







**Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (1) Avocado tree located at 530 Catherine Street, to be replaced with 8.8” caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees.**

# Application



6708

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Feb 2014  
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City of Key West Tree Commission

Tree Permit Application

PO Box 1409 RE#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Key West, FL 33040 Alt Key: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: 305-809-3723  
Fax: 305-809-3978

Home/Property Owner: C. Todd Kemp  
Coral Head Properties Date: 1-16-13

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 527 Key West, FL 33041

Owner Signature: C Todd Kemp Owner Ph#: 904 910 1072

Represented by: Tarzan Tree Care Rep. Ph#: 305 304 9303

Represented by mailing address: 22976 Bluegill Ln Cudjoe Key

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.

A letter of representation from the owner must accompany this application if the owner is unable to attend.

Letter of Representation

Tree(s) Address: 530 Catherine Cross/Corner Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name(s): Avocado Christmas palms Scientific Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Species Type(s) {check all that apply}:  Palm ( ) Flowering  Fruit ( ) Shade

Reason(s) for Application {check all that apply}:  
 REMOVE ( ) TRANSPLANT ( ) HEAVY MAINTENANCE  
( ) Tree Health ( ) New Location ( ) Branch Removal  
( ) Safety ( ) Same Property ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning  
 Other / Explain ( ) Other / Explain ( ) Crown Reduction

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palms need  
to be flagged  
before permit  
issued.  
KD

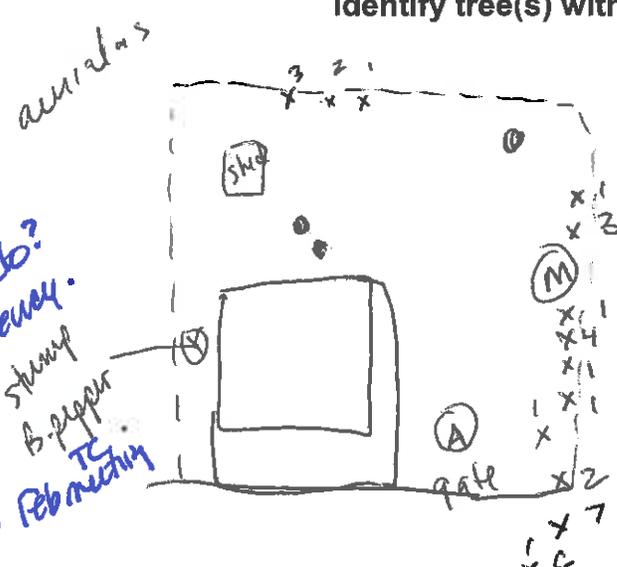
Reason(s) for request:

- (8) Christmas palms (8) leaning over neighbor's property
- (1) ~~Avocado~~ tree: decayed, infested, rotten  
Avocado dropping limbs

Replacement plant material must be Florida Grade #1. Replacement of a palm with a native palm is required. Replacement of a canopy tree with a native canopy tree is required. If you need assistance with replacements, please call the Landscape Department at 305-809-3723. If this process requires blocking of a city right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.

<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>

Provide access for viewing tree(s) prior to meeting  
Identify tree(s) with colored tape



5 stump 3 umbrella tree?  
M = mango  
A = avocado?  
V Grant has

1-17-14  
Removal of Avocado?  
not an emergency.  
Which palms  
to remove?  
Tarzan called → Reconnecting  
B. paper  
TC  
stump  
Palms.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Tree Species Avocado

Circumference 3'6" = 42" ÷ 3.14 = diameter 13.4"

Location 70 % Species 100 % Condition 30 % Total Average Value 66 %  
roof very poor

Avg. value 66 X 13.4" Diameter = 8.8"

Replacement Inches

LOCATION: OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET, 5:00 p.m.

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( ) TABLED ( ) APPROVED ( ) DENIED ( ) FURTHER ACTION

COMMENTS:  
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THE CITY OF KEY WEST  
TREE COMMISSION

Post Office Box 1409, Key West, FL 33041-1409 (305) 809-3764

AUTHORIZATION LETTER

Todd Kemp  
530 Catherine

Print clearly, name, address

Dear Tree Commissioners:

This letter is authorization and confirmation that I, C. Todd Kemp,  
(owner name, print)

have retained Tarzan Tree Care 22976 Bluegill Ln  
Cudjoe Key 305  
(represent tative name, address and phone number, print) / 304 9303

to represent me in the matter of obtaining a permit from the City of Key West Tree Commission for my  
property at: 530 Catherine St  
(tree address, print)

You may contact me at 904-910-1072. Thank you.  
(telephone number)

C. Todd Kemp  
Signature

1/15/14  
Date