

THE CITY OF KEY WEST

Code Compliance Division

P.O. BOX 1409 KEY WEST, FL 33041 (305) 809-3740

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

DATE: January 16, 2014

RE: CASE NUMBER 13-00001612

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT#: 7013 2630 0000 9565 0106

To: Subject Address:
James H Jr & Tracey L Waddell
2310 Staples Avenue
Key West, FL 33040

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TAKE NOTICE that the City of Key West Code Compliance Division has requested the City of Key West Special Magistrate to conduct an administrative hearing regarding code violation(s) reported to you by **NOTICE OF CODE VIOLATION** concerning the above noted subject address. You were noticed that your property is in violation of the City of Key West Code of Ordinances for the following reason(s):

Count 1: Sec. 122-1406. Obstructions to visibility

- (a) Obstruction to traffic and traffic visibility. There shall be no structure or planting which materially obstructs traffic and traffic visibility.
- (b) Corner lots. In any district where a corner or front yard setback is required, no structure, fence, planting or sign shall be located so as to interfere with traffic visibility across a corner between a height of $2\frac{1}{2}$ and ten feet above the average grade within a triangle bounded by the curblines adjacent to the corner lot lines and a straight line drawn between points on each such curbline 20 feet from the intersection of such curblines or extension thereof.
- (c) Public right-of-way. There shall be no structure or planting on city or public right-of-way without prior approval of the planning board and city commission, and then only after due consideration is given to the type, height and size of such structure and planting.
- (d) Vision clearance. Notwithstanding any part of the land development regulations or any permit granted or variance granted by the city, no type of structure, vehicle, tree, planting, vegetation, sign or fence or any type of obstacle or any portion thereof shall be placed or retained in such a manner which would create a traffic hazard or would obstruct vision clearance at corners, curb cuts or railroad crossings in any zone.

To Wit: I conducted a site visit on 19 December 2013. I observed and photographed a line of site violation caused by an overgrown tree on the subject property.

Corrective Action: Trim tree as per guidelines provided in Sec. 122-1406 which is enclosed in this notice.

In accordance with Florida Statutes § 162 and Code of Ordinances, City of Key West, § 2-631 through § 2-647, The City of Key West has scheduled a hearing to be held at Old City Hall, 510 Greene Street, Key West, Florida at 1:30 P.M. on:

February 26, 2014

The Chambers will be open at 1:00 PM. These proceedings may be televised.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if a violation(s) exists, the appropriate action to be taken, if any is required, and if any fines or penalties are to be imposed. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING to present evidence and/or testimony to show cause, if any, why you should not comply with City Ordinances. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A FINE OR PENALTY BEING IMPOSED AGAINST YOU AND A LIEN BEING IMPOSED UPON YOUR PROPERTY.

You have a right to have an attorney present at the hearing. If an attorney represents you, your attorney must file written notice with this office prior to the hearing date.

If you intend to request a continuance from the Hearing Date set out above you must submit a written request for a continuance addressed to the Special Magistrate and mailed to PO Box 1409, Key West, FL 33041 or delivered to the Special Magistrate's Legal Analyst at 3139 Riviera Drive, Key West, FL 33040. All requests must be received at least five (5) working days prior to the Hearing Date set out above. If the request is not received five (5) working days prior to the Hearing Date you or your attorney must appear on the Hearing Date to petition the Special Magistrate for a continuance. If any continuance is granted this will not stay discovery and all records previously requested must be supplied to the City or formally objected to.

Be advised that, if you decide to appeal any decision of the Special Magistrate in this code enforcement hearing, you shall be responsible to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings of this code enforcement hearing is made, such that any evidence and testimony upon which an appeal may be based can be submitted to the appellate court.

If you are found to be in violation of City of Key West Ordinances, administrative costs in the amount of \$250.00 may be levied for administrative recovery for prosecution and investigation in addition to levied fines associated with the violation(s). Failure to pay these costs will result in a lien against the property in violation.

PER FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 162.09, YOUR FAILURE TO CORRECT THE VIOLATION (S) MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF A FINE OF UP TO \$250.00/DAY, AND \$500.00/DAY FOR A REPEAT VIOLATION. IF THE VIOLATION (S) IS IRREPARABLE OR IRREVERSIBLE, A FINE OF UP TO \$5000.00 MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE. FINES MAY BE IMPOSED ON A PER DAY/PER VIOLATION BASIS.

Peg Corbett

Code Compliance Officer

City of Key West