

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 28, 2023

RE: 1209 United Street (permit application # T2023-0203)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree that impacts both 1207 and 1209 United Street. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)



1207

1209

Approximate location of property line.

Photo of whole tree showing location, view 1.



Two photos
of tree
canopy,
views 1 & 2.





Photo of trunks and canopy branches in relation to structures, view 1.

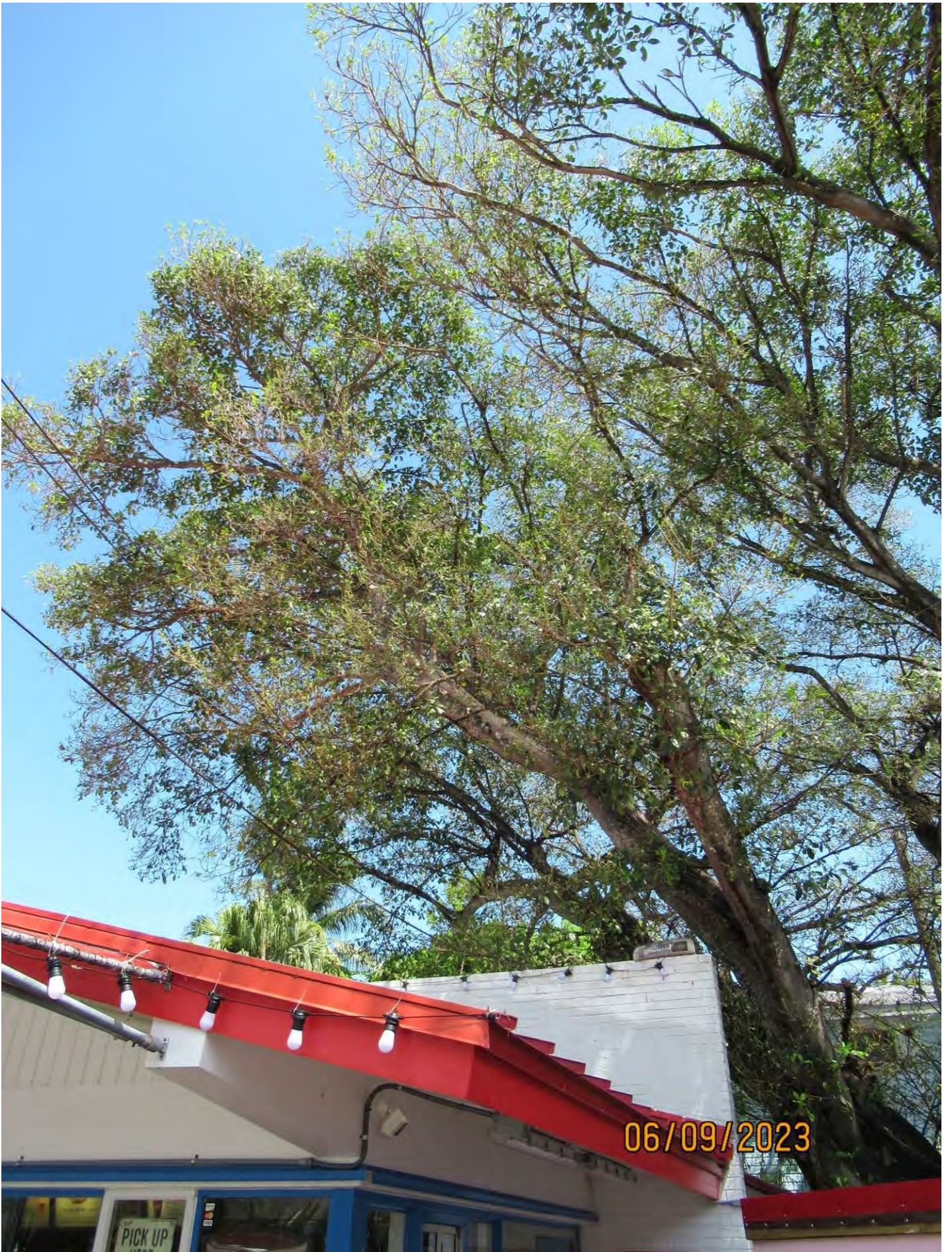


Photo of tree canopy, view 3.



Photo of tree trunks, view 1.



Photo of tree canopy, view 4.



Two photos
of tree
canopy,
view 5 & 6.



Two photos
of tree
canopy,
view 7 & 8.





Two photos of tree canopy, views 9 & 10.





Two photos of tree canopy, views 11 & 12.





Two photos of trunk and base of tree, view 1 & 2.





Two photos of tree surface roots, views 1 & 2.





Photo of base of tree and surface roots, view 1.



Photo of tree trunk, view 2.



Photo of base of tree and surface roots, view 2.



Photo of tree surface roots, view 3.



Two photos of tree surface roots, views 4 & 5.





Photo of tree surface roots, view 6.



Photo of base of tree and roots, view 3.



Photo of tree trunk, view 3.



Photo of tree canopy, view 13.



Two photos of trunk and canopy, views 2 & 3.



Two photos of tree trunks showing decay.



Two photos of trunk and base of tree. There are three main trunks growing off the base of the tree.



Diameter: 70.3"

Location: 50% (very visible tree growing between two structures, roots close to several structures-possible impacts**.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (overall condition is fair, some decay throughout canopy, large, sprawling ficus tree.)

Total Average Value = 70%

Value x Diameter = 49.2 replacement caliper inches

**Note: Property owners involved state that tree was inspected by an arborist, pest control specialists, and a general contractor but no documentation submitted with application of their comments.

Application



T2023-0203

Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 6/7/2023

Tree Address 1209 United Street, Key West, Florida
Cross/Corner Street _____
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity Ficus 1 Stranger fig

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 Due to its age, size, weather, insect infestation, and its proximity to the surrounding buildings, this tree poses imminent danger to hundreds of people daily, as well as the buildings.
The tree has been inspected by an arborist, pest control specialists, and general contractor, and all unanimously agree that the tree should be removed.

Property Owner Name Jonathan C. Carey Michael Dana
Property Owner email Address jonathan.carey@ifoc.org gawn4gud@yahoo.com
Property Owner Mailing Address 1209 United Street, Key West, Florida 1207 United Street
Property Owner Phone Number 305-296-5773 305-699-9954
Property Owner Signature [Signature] [Signature]
*Representative Name _____
Representative email Address _____
Representative Mailing Address _____

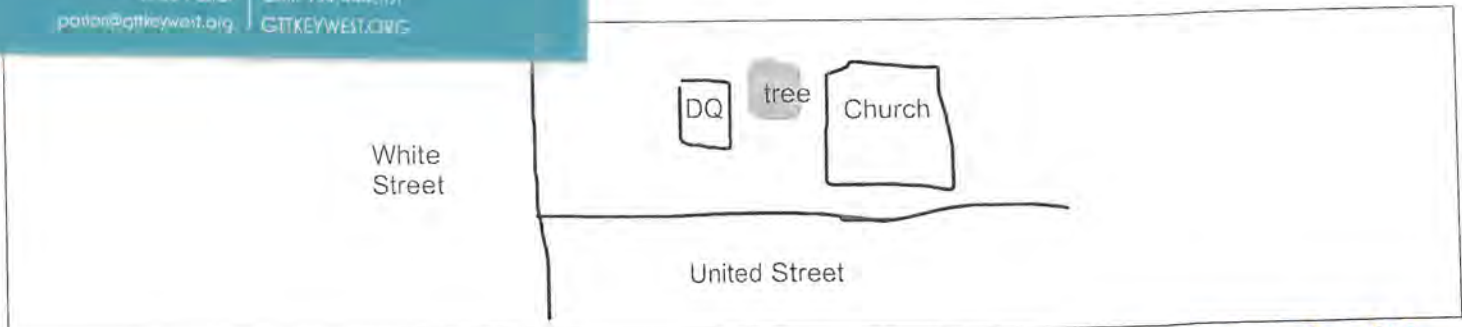


must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will be ~~g~~ or picking up an issued Tree Permit.

quired. See back of application for fee amounts.

ing cross/corner street. Please identify tree(s) on the property or ribbon.

Dr. Jonathan C. Carey
Lead Pastor
pastor@gtkeywest.org
Office: 305.741.7843
Cell: 954.444.1131
GTKEYWEST.ORG



\$ 50 - TC Fee
30 - Multi family church
\$ 80



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Tree Representation Authorization

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. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Date 6/8/23

Tree Address 1209 UNITED ST

Property Owner Name GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE

Property Owner Mailing Address 1209 UNITED ST

Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip KEY WEST, FL 33040

Property Owner Phone Number 954-444-1151

Property Owner email Address PASTOR@GTTKEYWEST.ORG

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name ~~Jonathan C. Cary~~ Michael Dana Amanda Real

Representative Mailing Address gawn4gud@yahoo.com Estate Holdings llc

Representative Mailing City, State, Zip 916 Seminary Street Key West, FL 33040

Representative Phone Number _____

Representative email Address _____

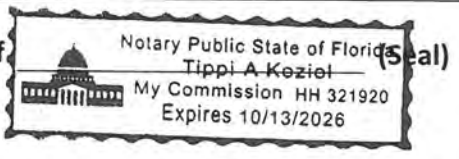
I Jonathan C. Cary hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above if there are any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 8 day June, 2023.
By (Print name of Affiant) Jonathan Cary who is personally known to me or has produced as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public
Sign name: Tippi A. Keziel
Print name: Tippi A. Keziel

My Commission expires: 10/13/2026 Notary Public-State of _____



Monroe County, FL

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Summary

Parcel ID 00035200-000000
 Account# 1036056
 Property ID 1036056
 Millage Group 10KW
 Location Address 1209 UNITED ST, KEY WEST
 Legal Description KW MOFFATS SUB PB1-12 ALL LOTS 10, 12, 13 & 14 SQR 2 TR 14 OR96-31 OR104-447/450
(Note: Not to be used on legal documents.)
 Neighborhood 32080
 Property Class CHURCHES (7100)
 Subdivision Moffat's Sub
 Sec/Twp/Rng 05/68/25
 Affordable Housing No



Owner

GLAD TIDINGS TABERNAACLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 1209 United St
 Key West FL 33040

Valuation

	2022 Certified Values	2021 Certified Values	2020 Certified Values	2019 Certified Values
+ Market Improvement Value	\$1,512,562	\$1,516,630	\$1,559,416	\$1,565,517
+ Market Misc Value	\$10,740	\$10,805	\$10,870	\$10,937
+ Market Land Value	\$1,135,369	\$1,180,784	\$1,180,784	\$1,317,028
= Just Market Value	\$2,658,671	\$2,708,219	\$2,751,070	\$2,893,482
= Total Assessed Value	\$2,658,671	\$2,708,219	\$2,751,070	\$2,511,929
- School Exempt Value	(\$2,658,671)	(\$2,708,219)	(\$2,751,070)	(\$2,893,482)
= School Taxable Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Historical Assessments

Year	Land Value	Building Value	Yard Item Value	Just (Market) Value	Assessed Value	Exempt Value	Taxable Value	Maximum Portability
2021	\$1,180,784	\$1,516,630	\$10,805	\$2,708,219	\$2,708,219	\$2,708,219	\$0	\$0
2020	\$1,180,784	\$1,559,416	\$10,870	\$2,751,070	\$2,751,070	\$2,751,070	\$0	\$0
2019	\$1,317,028	\$1,565,517	\$10,937	\$2,893,482	\$2,511,929	\$2,893,482	\$0	\$0
2018	\$1,293,922	\$1,457,505	\$7,983	\$2,759,410	\$2,283,572	\$2,759,410	\$0	\$0

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Land

Land Use	Number of Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
COMMERCIAL EXEMPT (100E)	15,935.00	Square Foot	136.1	132

Buildings

Building ID	40088	Exterior Walls	C.B.S.
Style		Year Built	1977
Building Type	CHURCHES / 71B	EffectiveYearBuilt	1994
Gross Sq Ft	10668	Foundation	
Finished Sq Ft	10197	Roof Type	
Stories	4 Floor	Roof Coverage	
Condition	AVERAGE	Flooring Type	
Perimeter	778	Heating Type	
Functional Obs	0	Bedrooms	0
Economic Obs	0	Full Bathrooms	1
Depreciation %	38	Half Bathrooms	0
Interior Walls		Grade	500
		Number of Fire Pl	0

Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area	Perimeter
OPX	EXC OPEN PORCH	132	0	0
FLA	FLOOR LIV AREA	10,197	10,197	0
OPU	OP PR UNFIN LL	267	0	0
OPF	OP PRCH FIN LL	12	0	0
OUF	OP PRCH FIN UL	60	0	0
TOTAL		10,668	10,197	0

Building ID	40089	Exterior Walls	AB AVE WOOD SIDING
Style		Year Built	1943
Building Type	CHURCHES / 71B	EffectiveYearBuilt	1991
Gross Sq Ft	1680	Foundation	
Finished Sq Ft	1260	Roof Type	
Stories	1 Floor	Roof Coverage	
Condition	AVERAGE	Flooring Type	
Perimeter	144	Heating Type	
Functional Obs	0	Bedrooms	0
Economic Obs	0	Full Bathrooms	0
Depreciation %	40	Half Bathrooms	0
Interior Walls		Grade	350
		Number of Fire Pl	0

Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area	Perimeter
FLA	FLOOR LIV AREA	1,260	1,260	0

Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area	Perimeter
OPU	OP PR UNFIN LL	210	0	0
OPF	OP PRCH FIN LL	210	0	0
TOTAL		1,680	1,260	0

Yard Items

Description	Year Built	Roll Year	Size	Quantity	Units	Grade
ASPHALT PAVING	1976	1977	0 x 0	1	2695 SF	2
WALL AIR COND	1981	1982	0 x 0	1	4 UT	2
WALL AIR COND	1981	1982	0 x 0	1	8 UT	1
CONC PATIO	1996	1997	10 x 15	1	150 SF	2
WROUGHT IRON	2008	2014	0 x 0	1	176 SF	1

Permits

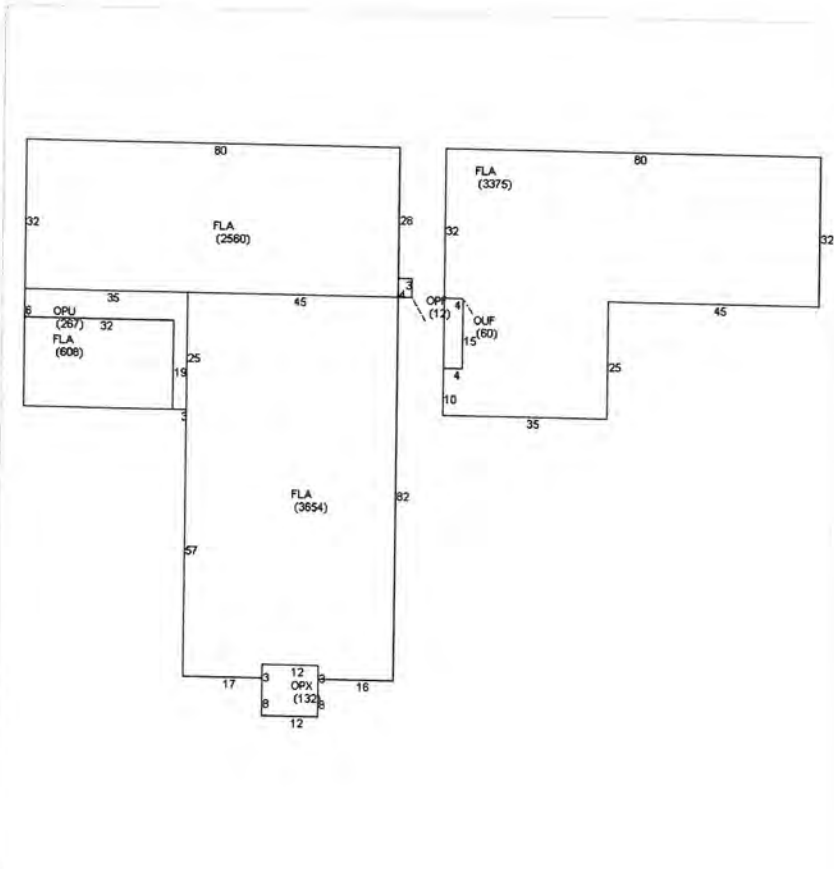
Number	Date Issued	Date Completed	Amount	Permit Type
10-3897	12/13/2010		\$500	Commercial
07-1169	3/9/2007		\$2,000	Commercial
05-5655	12/9/2005	8/18/2006	\$5,000	Commercial
03-2483	7/15/2003	10/8/2003	\$5,000	Commercial
01-2499	7/10/2001	11/1/2001	\$4,500	Commercial
01-1797	5/1/2001	11/1/2001	\$6,000	Commercial
01-1073	3/7/2001	11/1/2001	\$3,500	Commercial
01-0894	2/21/2001	11/1/2001	\$8,500	Commercial
97-3477	10/1/1997	12/1/1997	\$990	Commercial
97-3114	9/1/1997	12/1/1997	\$2,400	Commercial

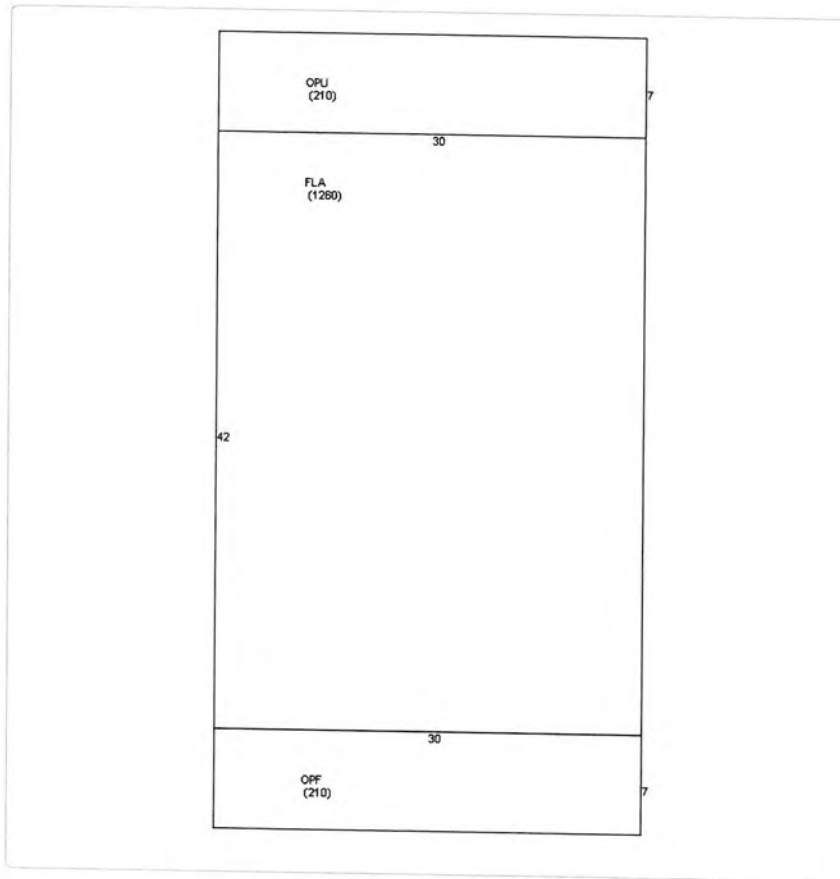
- Notes
- REMOVE CANTILEVER ON FRONT DOOR AND REPLACE WITH SAME. EXISTING CONCRETE IS FALLING DOWN.
- REPLACE EXISTING CHAINLINK FENCE WITH ALUMINUM BLACK PICKET FENCE
- HURRICANE REPAIRS - REROOF V-CRIMP OVER SHINGLES 30 SQS
- METAL ROOF ON CHAPEL
- 16 SQS BUILUP
- CENTRAL AC
- PAINT BUILDING
- REMOVE/INSTALL 15 TO AC
- REPL RAILS/TILE ON PORCH
- REPAIRS

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Summary

Parcel ID 00035130-000000
 Account# 1035980
 Property ID 1035980
 Millage Group 10KW
 Location 1207 UNITED St, KEY WEST
 Address
 Legal KW MOFFATS SUB PB1-12 LOTS 6 & 8 SQR 2 TR 14 OR226-299/300
 Description OR909-479D/C OR909-482/483P/R OR2744-676/78 OR3192-1596
 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents.)
 Neighborhood 32080
 Property Class DRIVE-IN (2200)
 Subdivision Moffat's Sub
 Sec/Twp/Rng 05/68/25
 Affordable No
 Housing



Owner

AMANDA REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC
 916 Seminary St
 Key West FL 33040

Valuation

	2022 Certified Values	2021 Certified Values	2020 Certified Values	2019 Certified Values
+ Market Improvement Value	\$65,904	\$73,227	\$73,227	\$73,227
+ Market Misc Value	\$17,450	\$17,469	\$17,489	\$17,509
+ Market Land Value	\$672,116	\$618,347	\$618,347	\$917,241
= Just Market Value	\$755,470	\$709,043	\$709,063	\$1,007,977
= Total Assessed Value	\$755,470	\$709,043	\$663,799	\$603,454
- School Exempt Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
= School Taxable Value	\$755,470	\$709,043	\$709,063	\$1,007,977

Historical Assessments

Year	Land Value	Building Value	Yard Item Value	Just (Market) Value	Assessed Value	Exempt Value	Taxable Value	Maximum Portability
2021	\$618,347	\$73,227	\$17,469	\$709,043	\$709,043	\$0	\$709,043	\$0
2020	\$618,347	\$73,227	\$17,489	\$709,063	\$663,799	\$0	\$709,063	\$0
2019	\$917,241	\$73,227	\$17,509	\$1,007,977	\$603,454	\$0	\$1,007,977	\$0
2018	\$881,963	\$68,581	\$9,654	\$960,198	\$548,595	\$0	\$960,198	\$0

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Land

Land Use	Number of Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
(2200)	8,110.00	Square Foot	93	88

Buildings

Building ID	40086	Exterior Walls	C.B.S.
Style	GROUND LEVEL	Year Built	1968
Building Type	DRVIN/FAST FOOD-B- / 22B	EffectiveYearBuilt	1995
Gross Sq Ft	1293	Foundation	CONCRETE SLAB
Finished Sq Ft	688	Roof Type	GABLE/HIP with 60% FLAT OR SHED
Stories	1 Floor	Roof Coverage	METAL with 60% TAR & GRAVEL
Condition	AVERAGE	Flooring Type	CERM/CLAY TILE
Perimeter	126	Heating Type	
Functional Obs	0	Bedrooms	0
Economic Obs	0	Full Bathrooms	0
Depreciation %	35	Half Bathrooms	0
Interior Walls	DRYWALL	Grade	350
		Number of Fire Pl	0

Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area	Perimeter
DUF	FIN DET UTILIT	80	0	0
FLA	FLOOR LIV AREA	688	688	0
PDO	PATIO DIN OPEN	525	0	0
TOTAL		1,293	688	0

Yard Items

Description	Year Built	Roll Year	Size	Quantity	Units	Grade
UTILITY BLDG	1983	1984	8 x 10	1	80 SF	1
FENCES	1995	1996	0 x 0	1	163 SF	2
ASPHALT PAVING	2000	2001	0 x 0	1	7030 SF	2
FENCES	1968	1969	5 x 80	1	400 SF	3
FENCES	2010	2011	7 x 19	1	133 SF	2

Sales

Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Instrument Number	Deed Book	Deed Page	Sale Qualification	Vacant or Improved	Grantor	Grantee
9/1/2022	\$1,440,000	Warranty Deed	2390166	3192	1596	01 - Qualified	Improved		
5/20/2015	\$550,000	Warranty Deed		2744	676	30 - Unqualified	Improved		

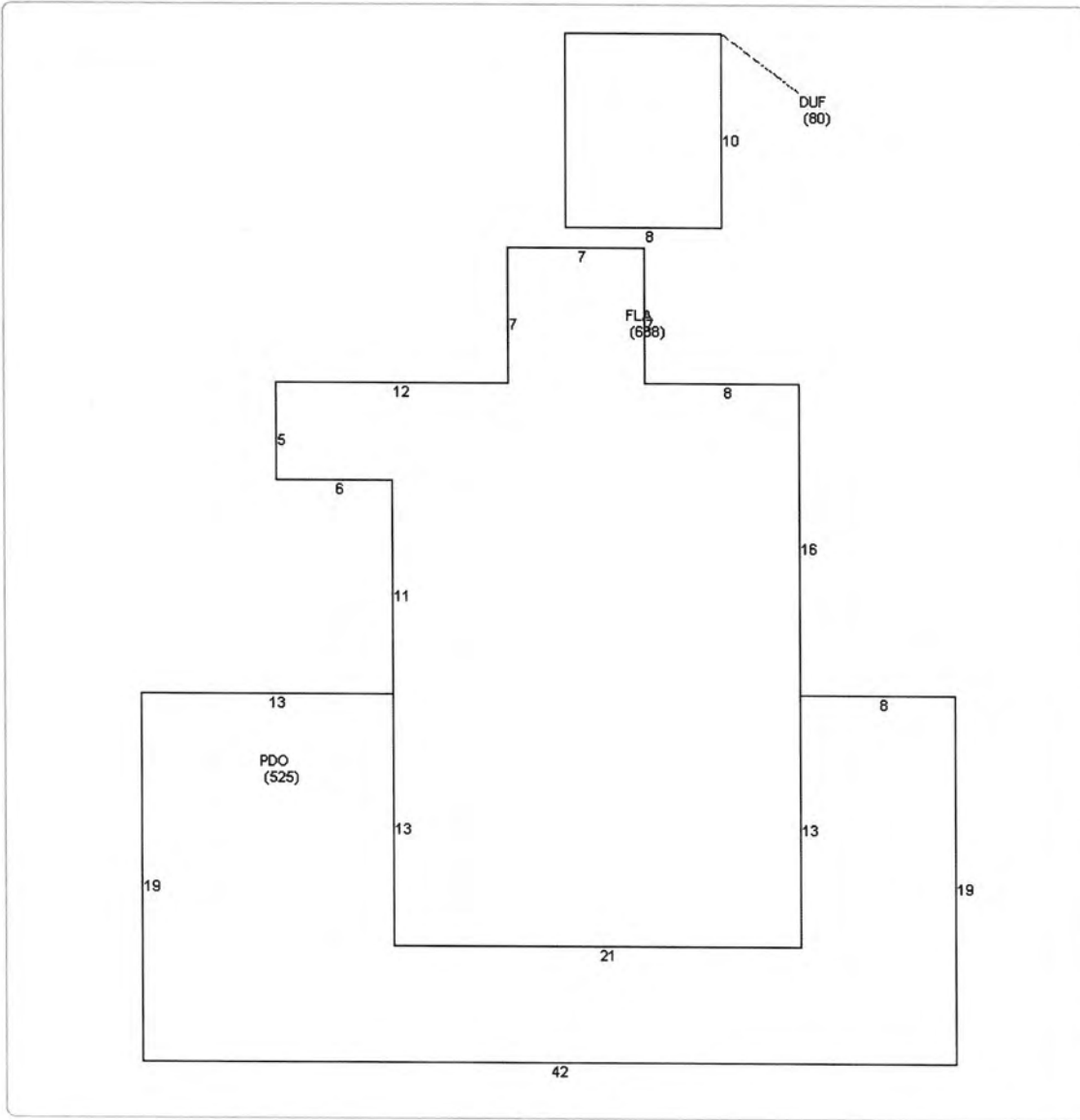
Permits

Number	Date Issued	Date Completed	Amount	Permit Type	Notes
BLD2022-1562	6/2/2022	8/5/2022	\$0	Commercial	REMOVE 2.5SQ EXISTING STANDING SEAM ON LEFT SIDE OF MAIN ROOF AND REPLACE WITH NEW OF THE SAME. REMOVE 6SQ FLAT ROOFING AT BACK AND REPLACE WITH A NEW HYDROSTOP RUBBER MEMBRANE ROOFING SYSTEM.
BLD2021-2751	9/27/2021	2/1/2022	\$0	Commercial	REMOVE 2.5SQ EXISTING STANDING SEAM ROOFING AND REPLACE WITH NEW OF THE SAME
15-2639	6/29/2015		\$1,800		REMOVE AND REPLACE FLAT ROOFING, GLASS BASE, EAVES DRIP, FLASHING AND OR RUBBER ROOFING. 4 SQUARES. (AFTER THE FACT)
10-0665	3/4/2010		\$2,360	Commercial	REPLACE AND RELOCATE EXISTING RPZ.
09-00002664	11/16/2009		\$500	Commercial	INSTALL ELECTRIC CIRCUIT FOR SIGN
09-00003546	10/20/2009		\$100	Commercial	RE-INSTALL EXISITNG SIGN
07-2097	5/1/2007	5/1/2007	\$300	Commercial	EMERGENCY REPAIR; REPAIR WEATHERHEAD
04-1938	6/15/2004	11/16/2004	\$2,400	Commercial	REPAIR SEWER LEAK
01-1380	3/29/2001	11/1/2001	\$7,500	Commercial	OVERLAY ASPHALT/1.5" THIC
99-0486	2/9/1999	8/9/1999	\$3,520	Commercial	ROOF
98-3943	12/17/1998	12/31/1998	\$150	Commercial	REPLACE UNDERSIZE CIRCUIT
98-2435	8/6/1998	12/31/1998	\$450	Commercial	REPLACE WIRE/BREAKER
96-4022	10/1/1996	12/1/1996	\$700	Commercial	AWNINGS
96-4105	10/1/1996	12/1/1996	\$1,000	Commercial	ROOFING
96-4199	10/1/1996	12/1/1996	\$600	Commercial	ELECTRICAL
96-1781	4/1/1996	8/1/1996	\$750	Commercial	AWNINGS
B94-3115	9/1/1994	12/1/1994	\$2,000	Commercial	REPAIRS

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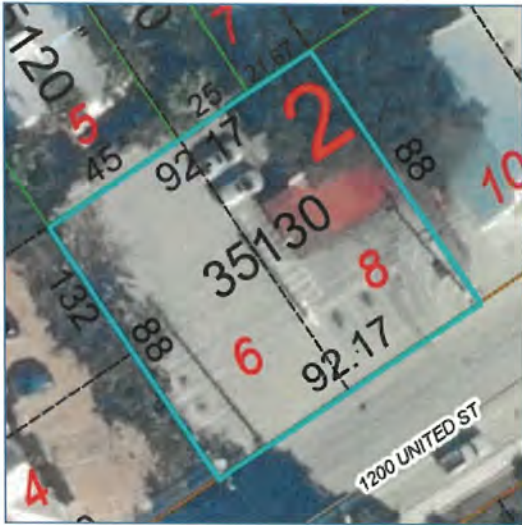
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AMANDA REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC

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Event Effective Date	NONE

Principal Address

916 SEMINARY ST
KEY WEST, FL 33040

Changed: 08/19/2021

Mailing Address

916 SEMINARY ST
KEY WEST, FL 33040

Changed: 08/19/2021

Registered Agent Name & Address

DANA, MICHAEL E
916 SEMINARY ST
KEY WEST, FL 33040

Address Changed: 04/19/2022

Authorized Person(s) Detail

Name & Address

Title MGR

DANA, MICHAEL E

916 SEMINARY STREET
KEY WEST, FL 33040

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To: Tree Commission, City of Key West

Date: April 22, 2023

Regarding: Ficus tree on 1209 and 1207 United Street, Key West, Florida, 33040

Dear Madam, Sir,

As owners of the commercial properties located on 1207 United Street and 1209 United Street in Key West, Florida, we would like to request the removal of the large Ficus tree located between our two buildings.

Due to its size and age, the tree poses **imminent danger** to the hundreds of employees, patrons and passers-by that frequent the properties daily.

The tree is located very close to both buildings and its very large root structure is causing damage to the buildings' foundations. Tree roots have previously damaged the plumbing resulting in high repair costs.

Previous storms have led to cracked branches. In one example (picture attached) a branch weighing a ton fell through the roof, puncturing the brand-new roof. Luckily, this occurred during the night or there would certainly have been human casualties.

Age, storms, and insect infestation have weakened the soil and increased the risk of the tree toppling over and causing irreparable damage to the properties and their inhabitants.

During most of the year, the tree produces black tar-like droppings, which are impossible to clean off the buildings and furniture. They clog up the air-conditioning vents and gutters, resulting in humidity problems and mold.

We would appreciate your approval to remove this tree due to the immediate danger it poses to our buildings and the people. We would be happy to work with you to find a suitable replacement.

Sincerely,



Jonathan C. Carey

Lead Pastor

Glad Tidings Tabernacle

1209 United Street, Key West



Michael Dana

Franchisee/Owner

Dairy Queen

1207 United Street, Key West



















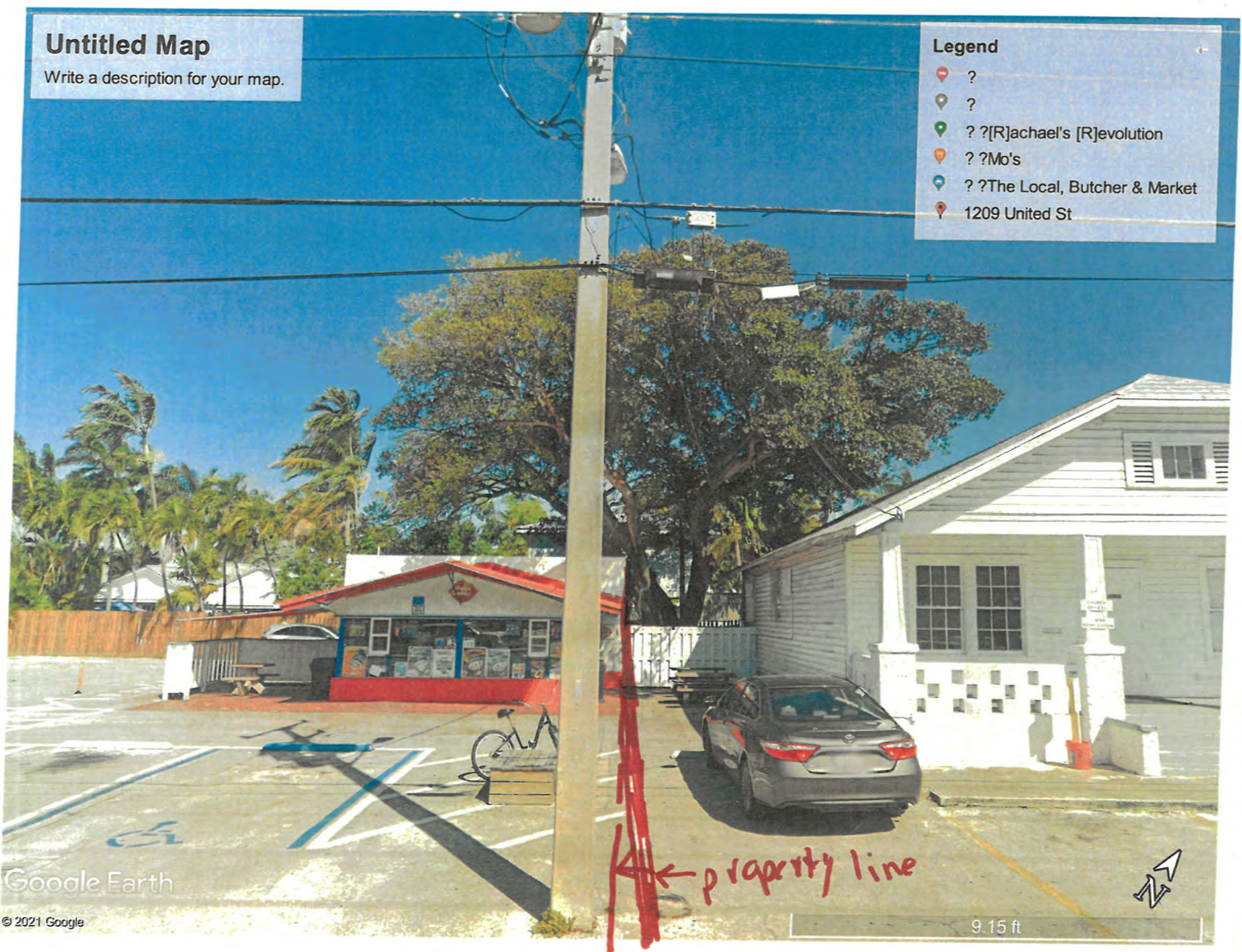


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-  1209 United St



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9.15 ft

← property line



gawn4gud@yahoo.com

Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:13 PM
To: pastor@gttkeywest.org
Cc: jonathan@jonathancarey.org
Subject: 1207 and 1209 United Strangler Fig tree
Attachments: Tree Permit Application 8-2022.pdf; Tree Representation Authorization.pdf; 2023 Tree Commission Meeting Public Deadlines 11-7-22.pdf

Pastor Carey:

I received the letter you dropped off at my office. The tree in question, is a native, protective tree species and its removal will require review from the Tree Commission. I do not have the authority to grant approval of the removal of the tree and no documentation has been submitted that shows the tree is a hazard and about to fall over or it is known that large branches will fall on people or property immediately which would warrant an emergency removal permit. I am aware that the tree needs a proper heavy maintenance trim of the canopy and that usually will help alleviate any potential threats of large branches falling. A lot of what you describe in your letter are reasons people ask for removal of a tree and go through the normal process of seeking tree removals. I am also aware that members of the public love that tree and its location over the Dairy Queen so the potential for removal is of the public interest and should go through the full review.

You, as the owner of the tree, have the right to submit an application for the removal of the tree. I have attached an application and representation form, for your use. I have also attached a copy of the meeting and application due dates. I do ask that you have the owner of Dairy Queen submit a statement with the application, with all their contact information (including email address), stating that they would like the tree removed and any pertinent documentation showing the issues you commented about in your letter (photos of interior building cracks, mold, root issues, repair receipts, etc). The removal of the tree will directly impact them and access to their property is needed to safely do the removal work, if approved. Please note that someone will have to attend the meeting to represent the tree and property. If you are not attending the meeting then the representation form must be submitted-signed and notarized, with the name of whomever is authorized to represent the church and the tree at the meeting.

When I receive the application I will do a site visit and take photos of the tree and document any issues I see from the outside. I will need access to the tree trunk. If there is someone I need to contact to make sure I have access, please put their information on the form. Please note that if approved, the removal of the tree will require the planting of replacement trees on your property. The required replacement is based on the diameter of the tree times the value (condition, location, and species). You might be required to plant more than one tree.

Hope this information helps.

Sincerely,

Karen

Michael Dana
305 699 9954

Karen DeMaria

Urban Forestry Manager
Certified Arborist FL-6585A

Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 9:01 AM
To: Michael Dana
Subject: RE: DQ Tree

I can not do anything without the proper paperwork. I need an application and a representative form signed by the owner of the tree with supporting, written documentation regarding the health status and issues with the tree.

There are only two ways the tree can be legally removed; with a permit from the Tree Commission or an emergency permit approved by the City Manager. City codes states that an emergency permit is issued if the tree is an imminent threat to person or property provided that the city urban forestry manager recommends approval. Emergency permits are usually only issued when there is an obvious tree fault-large cracks indicating a major branch or trunk failure is about to happen or major decay where the decayed area can not be trimmed. Based on what I know about the tree, it is not an imminent issue. What you describe in your emails are all issues that would support reasons why a removal permit should be issued. This is a very public tree and I know many citizens who really like the tree. It is in the public interest to have this tree removal request go before the Tree Commission at a public meeting.

If you submit the application now it will be heard at the July Tree Commission meeting. If approved, you would get a permit within a few days. Therefore, the tree could be removed by the middle of July if you receive the permit.

I am sorry you are having issues with getting photos to me via email. Maybe put them on a cd/dvd or jump drive so I can put them in my files.

Sincerely,

Karen

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Dana <gawn4gud@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 9:32 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] DQ Tree

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Hi Karen,

Thank you for letting me know.

I've spoken to a local arborist after he inspected the tree and two local pest control companies (Terminex and TrulyNolan).

The arborist confirmed there is termite damage as well as tree rot caused by sun burning of the tree. (Happens after a severe storm removes the leaves exposing the branches to sun causing damage to the bark in the form of pockmarks, subsequently the interior of the tree rots).

Both pest control companies agree the tree is infested.

We feel we cannot wait until July for a decision which would put us into August/September realistically before any action could be taken.

We strongly believe, after receiving information from the above mentioned experts, that this tree poses a serious threat to the security and safety of our clients, employees, ourselves and our building/business as well as the Church next door. We are not willing to take responsibility or accept liability for injury, death or damage caused by falling branches or worse that could occur. Seeing as hurricane season is coming upon us on 01 June we are requesting support from the Tree Commission in removing this dangerous threat. Is there no other procedure that we can follow to have this tree removed other than waiting 2-3 more months?

I did try to submit the request and supporting photos on time but the firewall of the City Hall did not allow receipt of my email. I have the send failure notifications.

Sincere regards,

Michael Dana

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 25, 2023, at 1:33 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

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> Received, thank you.

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> By the way, you have missed the deadline for the June 12 Tree Commission meeting. We are currently accepting applications for the July 11 meeting (applications due by June 21).

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> Sincerely,

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> Karen

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Michael Dana <gawn4gud@icloud.com>

> Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:55 PM

> To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] DQ Tree

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> Ok perfect. We will send the information to you soon. Thank you

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On May 19, 2023, at 2:54 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

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>> Yes, I received this one.

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>> City IT must not like yahoo.

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>> Sincerely,

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>> Karen

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Michael Dana <gawn4gud@icloud.com>

>> Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 2:29 PM

>> To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] DQ Tree

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>> Hi Karen, the email from my Yahoo account bounced back yesterday. Please let me know if this one gets through.

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>> Sent from my iPhone

Karen DeMaria

From: Michael Dana <gawn4gud@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 5:21 PM
To: Karen DeMaria; Jonathan Carey
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1209 United St

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Hello,
I will be at DQ from 7am onward tomorrow. Please feel free to stop by anytime.
Thank you
Michael

Sent from my iPhone

