

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 29, 2019

RE: **2119 Flagler Avenue (permit application # T2019-0203)**

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

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

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)



2119 Flagler Ave

2123 Flagler Ave







05/07/2019





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Diameter: 38.2"

Location: 30% (issues with structure-house)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair, lots of aerial roots creating main trunk)

Total Average Value = 60%

Value x Diameter = 22.9 replacement caliper inches

Additional Information

Karen DeMaria

From: Deborah Scardina <vasdgs@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:43 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: 2123 Flagler Ave Debbie Scardina
Attachments: 58384128_2426212960770945_3318781646924152832_n.jpg

Hi Karen ,

This is Debbie Scardina.....

I have been in to see you twice about tree problem . I am sending pics to you as well as letter that I gave to neighbor. I also found a survey of my property as will try to get a measurement. Not sure how I can do this when owner of 2119 Flagler says I am not allowed on their property. Any suggestions !!?? Thank you , Karen

Sincerely, Debbie Scardina
2123 Flagler Ave
KW
305-304-1500





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April 18, 2019

To the Owner of Property at 2129 Flagler Ave.,

A while back I spoke to you about the Strangler Fig tree in your yard that was growing rapidly and close my house. I let you know that I was having the tree trimmed (by Golden Bough Tree Service) away from the roof (my roof) and lower branches away from my house.

As time has gone by, the tree has grown aggressively. The trunk of the tree is butting right up against my house, the corner of my house, and the roots are clearly growing along the foundation of my house!! The damage is going to happen!! It is now just a matter of time. Tree removal is costly but repairs to my house caused by the tree will be MAJOR.

This requires your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. I have spoken to Karen DeMaria, with the City Tree Commission, about the Urgent Situation. I was told that you as property owners and as OWNER of the TREE you must:

- Fill out 2 Forms
- Have 1 Form notarized (can also be done @ City Hall)
- Attend Tree Commission meeting: upon approval to Remove Tree

Karen can give you all the information you need- Karen DeMaria 305-809-3768 ~

I have spoken with Golden Bough Tree service and he is going to give me an estimate on cost of removal of the tree.

This matter requires your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. There is no way around this, the tree needs to be removed before costly damage to my house occurs. I have spoken to your tenants but have not been able to catch you at home. Please contact me and let me know your intentions.

Sincerely Your Neighbor,
Deb Scardina
2129 Flagler Ave.
305-204-1500

Application



CANOPY
REMOVAL

2019-0203

Tree Permit Application

Date: 4/25/2019

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 2119 Flagler Ave
Cross/Corner Street 4th
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity strangler fig 1
Species Type(s) check all that apply () Palm () Flowering () Fruit () Shade () Unsure
Reason(s) for Application:

- (☒) REMOVE () Tree Health () Safety () Other/Explain below
() TRANSPLANT () New Location () Same Property () Other/Explain below
() HEAVY MAINTENANCE () Branch Removal () Crown Cleaning/Thinning () Crown Reduction

Other/Explain

Reason for Request

neighbor wants to remove the tree
because its damaging her house
foundation
Property Owner Name Ludmilla Pacelli
Property Owner eMail Address Ludmilla.pacelli@gmail.com
Property Owner Mailing Address 2119 Flagler Ave
Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33090
Property Owner Phone Number (204) 951-5552
Property Owner Signature [signature]

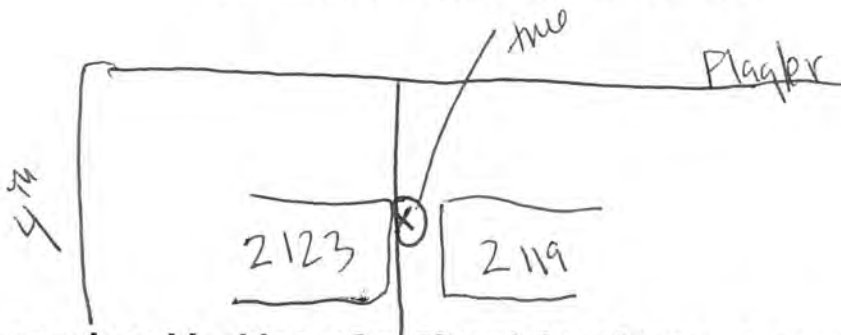
Representative Name _____
Representative eMail Address _____
Representative Mailing Address _____
Representative Mailing City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Representative Phone Number () _____ - _____

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



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

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305 304-1500

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Karen DeMaria

From: Mila Pro (Mila) <ludmilapr18@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 4:26 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: Re: Tree removal application

Hi, Karen.
I will attend the meeting myself.
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2019, at 2:31 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

I have inspected the strangler fig tree and the area where it is currently growing. The tree is primarily on your property, therefore, you are the responsible party for the tree. It appear the tree is impacting your neighbor's house as the roots are running along the base of the wall and at least one longitudinal crack could be seen going up the wall. Also, the base of the tree is currently growing at the base to the house structure and the potential damage will only worsen with time.

I recommend you allow the processing of the application to remove the tree. Removal will have to be reviewed by the Tree Commission and the next meeting would be June 11. Someone must attend the meeting to represent the tree and/or the property. Right now you are the only one that can do that as you are the owner of the tree. If you can not attend the meeting or do not want to attend, then please fill out the attached letter of representation form. You can have anyone attend the meeting on behalf of the tree- your neighbor, a friend, an arborist. I need that form signed and notarized in order to complete processing of the application.

Sincerely,

Karen

<TEMPLATE-Tree Representation Authorization Form-20140222.pdf>