

City of Key West Tree Commision



Tree Commission

- ▣ Reviews Landscape plans as per Sec 108 of the City Code
- ▣ Reviews and processes permit applications for dicot/canopy tree removals as per Sec 110 of the City Code
- ▣ Administrative hearings on tree abuse and unauthorized removal allegations as per Sec 110 of the City Code



Tree Commission was established
by State legislature in 1970.



There are seven members of the Tree Commission,
all volunteers, that are appointed by each City
Commissioner and the Mayor.

Trees Removed-Private Property
(all permits including Emergency and State Law)

Canopy Trees: 85
Sub Canopy and Fruit Trees: 93
Palms: 230

Trees Planted for Permit Close Outs
(Private Property)

Canopy Trees: 64
Sub Canopy and Fruit Trees: 283
Palms: 247

Trees Removed-City Property

Canopy Trees: 9
Sub Canopy and Fruit Trees: 7
Palms: 18

Trees Planted/Purchased-City Property

Canopy Trees: 0
Sub Canopy Trees: 11
Palms: 8

**Trees Accepted as Donations-
Permit Close Outs**

(planted on City Property)
Canopy: 20
Sub Canopy: 0
Palms: 0

**Trees Accepted as Donations-
Permit Close Outs**

(Not for Profit Organization)
Canopy: 1
Sub Canopy: 5
Palms: 2

2021
Tree Commission
Year in Review

Trees Removed-State Tree Law (Documentation Received and Filed)

Year	Number of Trees
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Canopy

2021	27
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2020	18
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2019	11
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Sub Canopy and Fruit

2021	21
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2020	14
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2019	4
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Palms

2021	12
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2020	5
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2019	1
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State Tree Law FL Statute 163.045

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(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

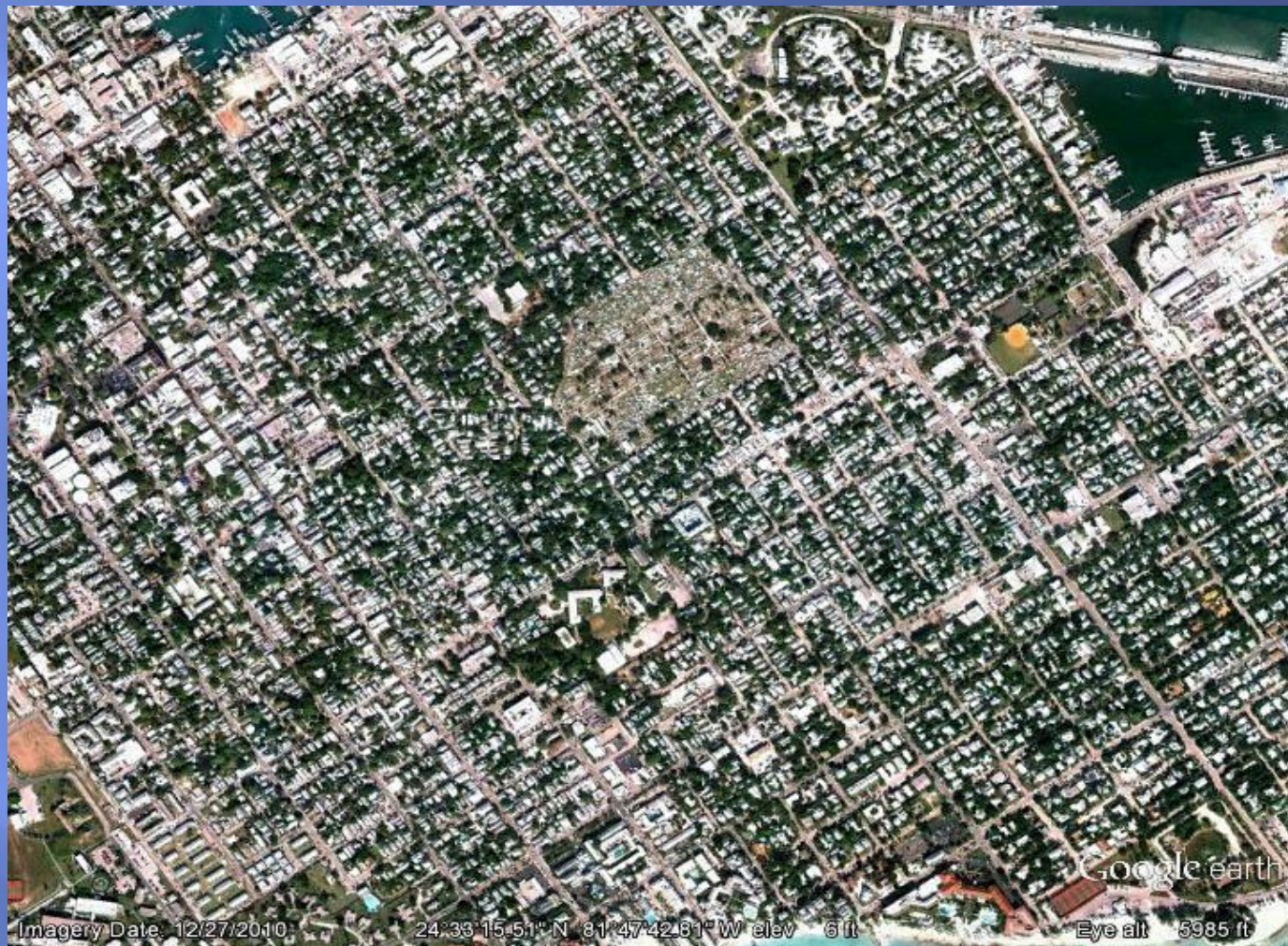
(a) “Documentation” means an onsite assessment performed in accordance with the tree risk assessment procedures outlined in Best Management Practices-Tree Risk Assessment, Second Edition (2017) by an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or a Florida licensed landscape architect and signed by the certified arborist or licensed landscape architect.

(b) “Residential property” means a single-family, detached building located on a lot that is actively used for single-family residential purposes and that is either a conforming use or a legally recognized nonconforming use in accordance with the local jurisdiction’s applicable and development regulations.

State Tree Law FL Statute 163.045 cont...

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- (2) A local government may not require a notice, application approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on a residential property if the property owner possesses ~~obtains~~ documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree poses an unacceptable risk ~~presents a danger~~ to persons or property. A tree poses an unacceptable risk if removal is the only means of practically mitigating its risk below moderate, as determined by the tree risk assessment procedures outlined in Best Management Practices-Tree Risk Assessment, Second Edition (2017).
- (3) A local government may not require a property owner to replant a tree that was pruned, trimmed, or removed in accordance with this section.
- (4) This section does not apply to the exercise of specifically delegated authority for mangrove protection pursuant to ss. 403.9321-403.9333.



“One generation plants the trees; another lives in its shade.”