

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

DATE: December 22, 2011

RE: 718 Olivia Street/ 725 Truman Ave (Key Lime Inn)

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

A complaint was received about the unauthorized trimming of a large diameter Gumbo Limbo tree. The owner of the tree at 718 Olivia St called in the complaint and stated that people from the Key Lime Inn (725 Truman Ave) had trimmed the tree without her permission.

A site inspection was done on December 20, 2011 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursea simaruba*), Circumference: 48" = 15.3" dbh

A man on-site showed me the tree and said he heard ladders on the other side of the fence then later realized the tree had been trimmed. The gumbo limbo has been hatracked. Hatracking (defined in Sec 110-252) is an unauthorized method of trimming a tree.

The species is on the City of Key West protected tree list (Sec 110-253) and therefore, a permit is required for major trimming or removal of the tree.

Cite: Sec 110-256 (3) (4) (5)

### Approximate Values:

Location: 80% (The tree is located close to the property line and fence but does not appear to be impacting any utilities or foundations.)

Species: 100% (the species is on the protected tree list)

Condition: 80% (The trunk left standing appears to be in good health. View of Google earth shows a large canopy.)

Total Value: 87%

If replacement required: 13"



