

**TREE COMMISSION TREE REMOVAL REPORT  
CITY of KEY WEST**

**PROPERTY: 2222 N. Roosevelt BLVD.**

**APPLICATION NUMBER: T2026-0092**

**REQUEST: The applicant is requesting removal of (1) Paradise tree.**

**TREE ASSESSMENT and PHOTOS**











**Diameter: 7"**

**Location: 80%**

**Species: 100%**

**Condition: 20%**

**Value: 66.6%**

**Recommended Mitigation: 4.7 Caliper Inches**

**The subject tree is a Paradise Tree measuring approximately 7 inches DBH and is presently in poor overall condition. The canopy exhibits excessive dieback throughout, along with numerous broken and torn branches likely resulting from past wind events or mechanical damage. Many of these failures were not properly pruned back with acceptable healing cuts, contributing to ongoing decline in the tree's structure and vitality. The cumulative effects of poor structure, canopy decline, and improper wound management have significantly reduced the long-term sustainability of the tree.**

**The tree is also located directly in front of a permitted bank sign and currently obstructs visibility of the signage. In order to maintain visibility, the tree would require topping or severe reduction pruning. Topping is widely recognized as a form of tree abuse and is not considered an acceptable arboricultural standard of care for pruning practices. Furthermore, the tree was planted far too close to the sign, creating an inherent and unavoidable conflict between the intended mature size of the tree and the function of the permitted structure.**

**Based upon the poor condition of the tree, the unsuitable planting location, and the unavoidable future pruning conflicts, removal and replacement of the subject tree is recommended. Replanting with a more appropriately selected species and placement would allow for healthy canopy development while avoiding future interference with the sign structure. This approach would provide a more sustainable long-term landscape solution for the site.**

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