

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

PROPERTY: 2222 Patterson Ave

APPLICATION NUMBER: T2026-0095

REQUEST: The applicant is requesting removal of (1) Silver Buttonwood Hedge.

TREE ASSESSMENT and PHOTOS









Diameter: 18 Linear Feet/ Approx. 22”

Location: 100%

Species: 100%

Condition: 100%

Value: 100%

Recommended Mitigation:

The subject vegetation consists of an approximately 18 linear foot hedgerow of Silver Buttonwood trees (*Conocarpus erectus*). The hedge is considered to have a location rating of 100% and a condition rating of 100%. The combined multi-stem DBH is estimated at approximately 22 inches. The applicant is requesting removal and replacement of the hedge with an alternative hedge species more suitable to their preferences.

Silver Buttonwoods are commonly utilized as hedges throughout the Florida Keys due to their exceptional resilience within the native coastal environment. However, they are not traditionally considered a true hedge species and require continual topiary-style pruning to maintain hedge form. Over time, this repeated pruning practice can shorten the functional lifespan and natural development of the trees. Given that the subject vegetation functions as a hedge rather than a canopy tree, it is reasonable to consider allowing replacement of the existing hedge with a more suitable or desirable hedge species while maintaining the approximate linear planting coverage within the landscape area.

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