

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 3, 2019

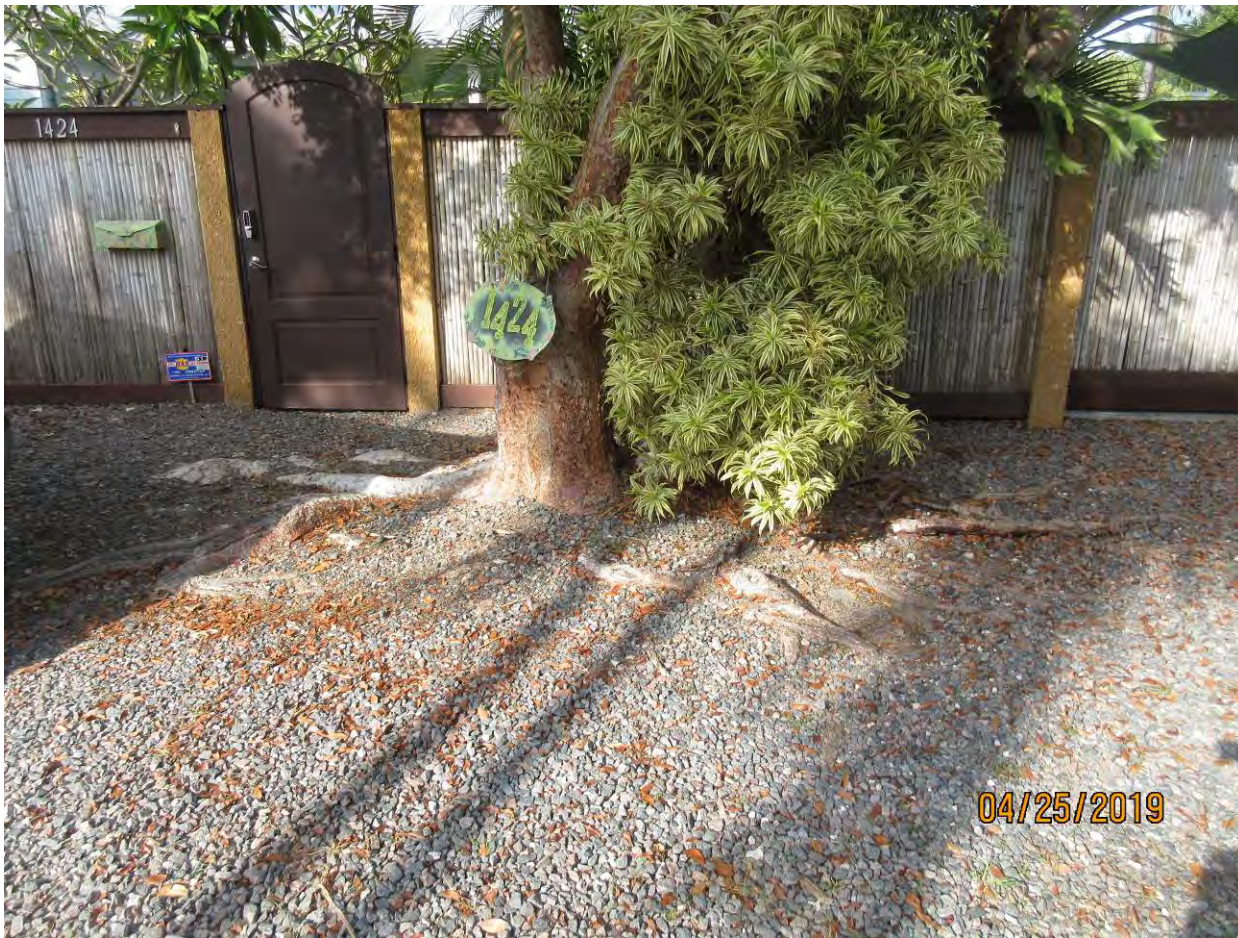
RE: **1424 Whalton Street ROW (permit application # T2019-0195)**

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

An application was received from the property owner at 1424 Whalton Street requesting the removal of **(1) Gumbo Limbo tree**. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (Bursera simaruba)













04/25/2019



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The City Manager signed the application and representation form to allow the property owner to seek approval for the removal of the tree. The City has not taken a stance regarding the potential removal of the tree and at the time of submittal of the application, has not researched other options to removal of the tree.

Diameter: 18.4""

Location: 50% (the tree is located on City right of way, roots of tree wrapping around water line and meter area, roots also impacting safe access to front gate)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 80% (good overall)

Total Average Value = 76%

Value x Diameter = 13.9 replacement caliper inches

Questions: Can the roots be pruned to minimize potential trip hazard conditions? Is there an alternative access? Can a barrier/warning area be created around the roots?

Can the water meter and lines be moved? Where is the sewer line and what is the route of the water line toward to house?

Additional Information

Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 11:57 AM
To: John M Lally
Cc: Kiera L. Lally
Subject: RE: 1424 Whalton St KW FL

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If the tree removal is approved, would you take responsibility for planting the replacements and removing the tree?

Please note that any additional information must be submitted to my office by May 9 in order to be properly reviewed by the Tree Commissioners.

Sincerely,

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Karen,

Thank you for your email. I hope your time away was enjoyable.

We have spoken to FCAA about the roots but have not discussed with them whether they would move the valve / meter that is nestled in the existing roots. We will follow up with them this coming week.

I cannot answer the question regarding pruning the roots but we will inquire this week. As far as entering our front gate, visitors and neighbors regularly use the off street parking in front of our driveway gates and thus block a path to the front gate where there are no roots above ground. I would guess that 75% of all visitors, including service providers, delivery services and our mail person, need to negotiate through the roots. Elderly individuals and those in wheelchairs or on crutches have a particularly difficult time getting past the roots.

We had planned on taking responsibility for the tree removal and replacement. Would replacement need to be in the same location (i.e. on City property) or could the replacement be located on our property?

Again, thank you for your understanding and in communicating your concerns as we lead up to the May 13th meeting. Much appreciated.

Thanks,

John

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> Please advise us if you have any questions I believe you may have Kiera's contact information. Feel free to contact either of us
>
> Thanks. John
> Sent from my iPhone
> <TEMPLATE-Tree Representation Authorization Form-20140222.pdf>

Application



canopy
removal

2019 - 0195

Tree Permit Application

Date: 5-1-19

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 1424 Whalton St ROW
Cross/Corner Street Between Van Phister + Washington
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1- Gumbo Limbo
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

Additional Information and Explanation see attached application submitted by property owner (house is a vacation rental)

Property Owner Name City of Key West
Property Owner eMail Address _____
Property Owner Mailing Address PO Box 1409
Property Owner Mailing City Key West **State** FL **Zip** 33041
Property Owner Phone Number () _____
Property Owner Signature JK Schall

Representative Name John Lally
Representative eMail Address theLallys21@gmail.com
Representative Mailing Address 512 Woodland Rd + 1424 Whalton (KW)
Representative Mailing City Pittsburgh **State** PA **Zip** 15237
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.



Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 5-1-19

Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 1424 Wharton St Row

Property Owner Name City of Key West

Property Owner eMail Address _____

Property Owner Mailing Address PO Box 1409

Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33041

Property Owner Phone Number (____) _____

Property Owner Signature J. K. Scholl

Representative Name John Lally

Representative eMail Address theLallys21@gmail.com

Representative Mailing Address 512 Woodland Rd + 1424 Wharton (KW)

Representative Mailing City Pittsburgh State PA Zip 15237

Representative Phone Number (412) 897-8220

I J. K. Scholl, hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above if there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature J. K. Scholl

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 1st day May 2019.

By (Print name of Affiant) James K. Scholl who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Natalie L. Hill Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

Print Name: Natalie L. Hill

My Commission Expires: 11/29/2020





CANOPY
REMOVAL

2019-01915

Tree Permit Application

Date: 4-22-19

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 1424 Walton Street, Key West
Cross/Corner Street Between Van Phister + Washington
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Gumbo Limbo tree (in front of gate)
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 Potential Damage to Water Line (public line)

Reason for Request Safety HAZARD: Entry to property inaccessible for handicap person & also tripping hazard. Also potential for significant *

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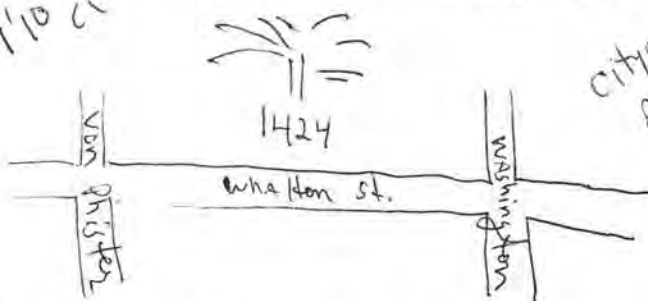
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* damage to public water line. Also checked with FKA.

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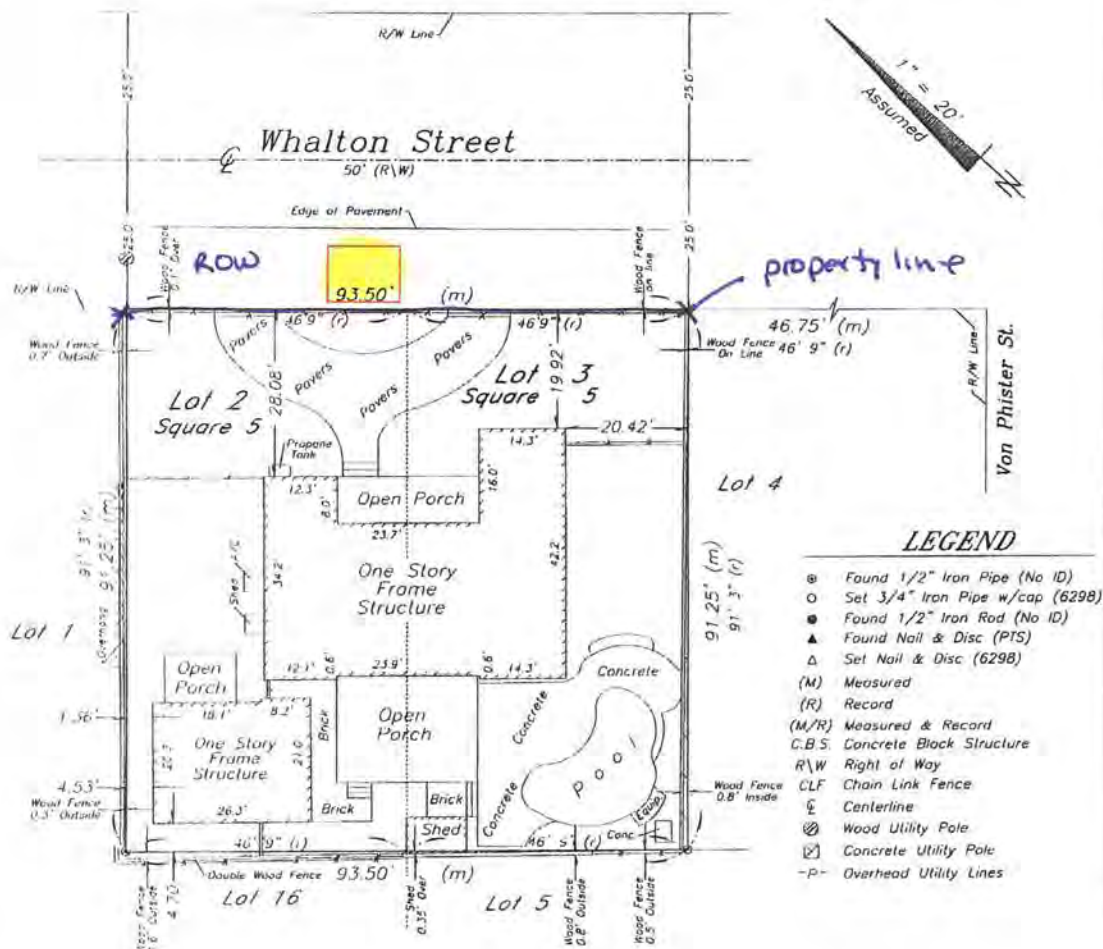
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Boundary Survey Map of Lots 2 & 3, Square 5, Webb Realty Subdivision, Island of Key West



NOTES

- 1 The legal description shown hereon was furnished by the client or their agent.
- 2 Underground foundations and utilities were not located.
- 3 All angles are 90° (Measured & Record) unless otherwise noted.
- 4 Street address: 1424 Whalton Street, Key West, FL.
- 5 This survey is not valid without the signature and the original raised seal of a Florida licensed surveyor and mapper.
- 6 Lands shown hereon were not abstracted for rights-of-way, easements, ownership, or other instruments of record.
- 7 North Arrow is assumed and based on the legal description.
- 8 Ownership of fences is undeterminable, unless otherwise noted.
- 9 Date of field work: May 10, 2011

BOUNDARY SURVEY OF: On the Island of Key West and being a part of Tract Eighteen (18) according to WM. A. Whitehead's map of said Island, delineated in February, A.D. 1829, but being better described as Lots Two (2) and Three (3), Square Five (5) of said Tract Eighteen (18), according to the Webb Realty Company's Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, page 42, Monroe County, Florida, Records.

BOUNDARY SURVEY FOR: John M. Lally and Kiera L. Lally;
Centennial Bank;
First American Title Insurance Company;

J. LYNN O'FLYNN, INC.

J. Lynn O'Flynn, PSM
Florida Reg #6298

May 11, 2011

THIS SURVEY
IS NOT
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