

THE CITY OF KEY WEST

Code Compliance Division

P.O. BOX 1409 KEY WEST, FL 33041 (305) 809-3740

NOTICE OF IRREPARABLE CODE VIOLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

DATE: October 11, 2013

RE: CASE NUMBER 13-00001239

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT#:

7012 2210 0000 6244 8973

To:

DR. John Calleja

1111 12th Street Suite # 210 Key West, Florida 33040

623 Angela Street

Subject Address:

Key West, FL 33040

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Key West Code Compliance Division has requested the City of Key West Special Magistrate to conduct an administrative hearing regarding code violation(s) reported to you by NOTICE OF CODE VIOLATION concerning the above noted subject address. You were noticed that your property is in violation of the City of Key West Code of Ordinances for the

following reason(s):

Count 1-1

Sec. 110-256. Tree abuse.

Generally. Tree abuse is prohibited, and abused trees shall not be counted toward fulfilling landscape requirements. The city may require the abused trees to be replaced.

Prohibited acts. A tree shall be considered abused if a person takes an action so that one of the following occurs:

Significant damage has been inflicted upon any part of a tree, including the root system, by machinery, storage of materials, soil compaction, excavation, vehicle accidents, chemical application or change to the natural grade.

(2)

Damage inflicted to or cutting upon a tree which permits infection or pest infestation.

Cutting upon any tree which permanently reduces the function of the tree or causes it to go into shock.

(4)

Cutting upon a tree which destroys its natural shape.

(5)

was going to receive this notice of irreparable code violation. OMI was contacted to see if they can assist on the alleged use of chemicals/poisonous materials against this tree.

CORRECTIVE ACTION: Cease activity and seek professional tree removal assistance.

In accordance with Florida Statutes § 162 and Code of Ordinances, City of Key West, § 2-631 through § 2-647, The City of Key West has scheduled a hearing to be held at Old City Hall, 510 Greene Street, Key West, Florida at 1:30 P.M. on:

October 30th, 2013

The Chambers will be open at 1:00 PM. These proceedings may be televised.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if a violation(s) exists, the appropriate action to be taken, if any is required, and if any fines or penalties are to be imposed. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING to present evidence and/or testimony to show cause, if any, why you should not comply with City Ordinances. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A FINE OR PENALTY BEING IMPOSED AGAINST YOU AND A LIEN BEING IMPOSED UPON YOUR PROPERTY.

You have a right to have an attorney present at the hearing. If an attorney represents you, your attorney must file written notice with this office prior to the hearing date.

If you intend to request a continuance from the Hearing Date set out above you must submit a written request for a continuance addressed to the Special Magistrate and mailed to PO Box 1409, Key West, FL 33041 or delivered to the Special Magistrate's Legal Analyst at 3139 Riviera Drive, Key West, FL 33040. All requests must be received at least five (5) working days prior to the Hearing Date set out above. If the request is not received five (5) working days prior to the Hearing Date you or your attorney must appear on the Hearing Date to petition the Special Magistrate for a continuance. If any continuance is granted this will not stay discovery and all records previously requested must be supplied to the City or formally objected to.

Be advised that, if you decide to appeal any decision of the Special Magistrate in this code enforcement hearing, you shall be responsible to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings of this code enforcement hearing is made, such that any evidence and testimony upon which an appeal may be based can be submitted to the appellate court.

If you are found to be in violation of City of Key West Ordinances, administrative costs in the amount of \$250.00 may be levied for administrative recovery for prosecution and investigation in addition to levied fines associated with the violation(s). Failure to pay these costs will result in a lien against the property in violation.

PER FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 162.09, YOUR FAILURE TO CORRECT THE VIOLATION (S) MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF A FINE OF UP TO \$250.00/DAY, AND \$500.00/DAY FOR A REPEAT VIOLATION. IF THE VIOLATION (S) IS IRREPARABLE OR IRREVERSIBLE, A FINE OF UP TO \$5000.00 MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE. FINES MAY BE IMPOSED ON A PER DAY/ PER VIOLATION BASIS.

Leonardo Hernandez
Code Compliance Officer

City of Key West (305)809-3730 Desk (305)797-8701 Cell

Work Schedule Wed-Sun 3pm-12am

Hand served this day of , 2013 @

am/pm.