

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 24, 2022

RE: **1009 Southard Street (permit application # T2022-0041)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Gumbo Limbo tree**. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

**Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (Bursera simaruba)**



Photo showing tree location.





Photo of whole tree.





Photo of base of tree. Note codominant trunks that start at base of tree.





Two photos of tree trunks.







Photo of tree trunk and canopy.





Photo of tree canopy.

Diameter: 7.9"

Location: 50% (growing in rear yard in small planter area close to pool)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (good health, co-dominant trunks)

Total Average Value = 73%

**Value x Diameter = 5.7 replacement caliper inches**

# Application





Tree 22-0041

0041

## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 1-8-2022

Tree Address 1009 Southard Street  
Cross/Corner Street between Grinnell + Fransus Lower Lane  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 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 Trim ☐ Branch Removal ☐ Crown Cleaning/Thinning ☐ Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation  
Small tree very close to pool  
I will ~~replant~~ plant some lovely natives in a  
more desirable location i.e. the front yard

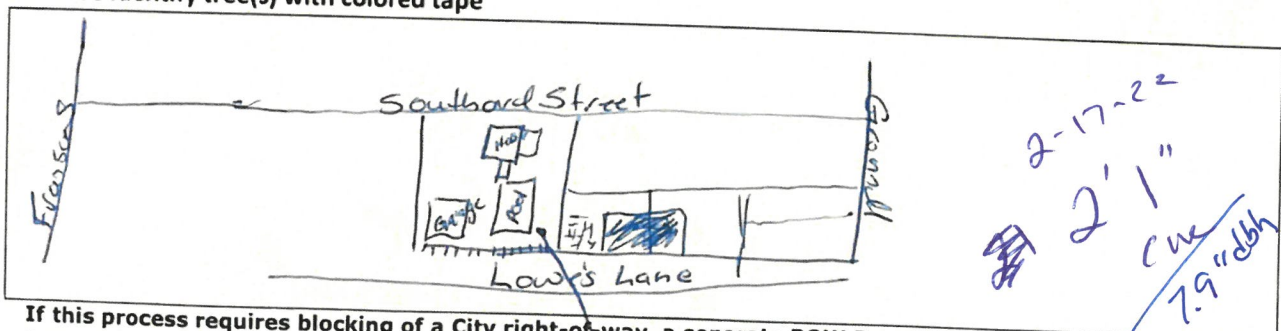
Property Owner Name Neal Buchman  
Property Owner email Address MelissaJeanKwame.com  
Property Owner Mailing Address 1001 Southard Street  
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 923-1616  
Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name Ken King  
Representative email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laird Str.  
Representative Phone Number 305 296-8101

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.

Gumbo Limbo





## Tree Representation Authorization

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.**

Date 1-7-2022  
Tree Address 1009 Southard Street  
Property Owner Name Neal Ruchman  
Property Owner Mailing Address 1001 Southard Street  
Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip Key West, FL 33040  
Property Owner Phone Number 202-744-9818  
Property Owner email Address Neal@Ruchman.com  
Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name Kenneth King  
Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laland St.  
Representative Mailing City, State, Zip Key West FL 33040  
Representative Phone Number 305-296-8101  
Representative email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I, Neal Ruchman 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 \_\_\_\_\_

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 7th day February.  
By (Print name of Affiant) NEAL RUCHMAN who is personally known to me or has produced as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

Sign name: \_\_\_\_\_

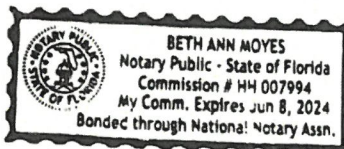
Print name: BETH ANN MOYES

My Commission expires: 6/8/24

Notary Public-State of

FLORIDA

(Seal)





## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Melissa McDaniel <melissajeankw@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:58 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gumbo limbo removal  
**Attachments:** Tree Permit Application.pdf

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Dear Karen,

My partner and I recently purchased the property at 1009 Southard Street. Unfortunately there is a small gumbo limbo growing very close to the swimming pool.

Please find below a tree removal application.

Ken Ken will be acting as our representative for this removal. I assure you some wonderful new natives will be planted as replacement.

Best,

Melissa Jean McDaniel  
305-923-1616

Sent from my iPhone





## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 2-11-2022

Tree Address 1009 Southard St.  
Cross/Corner Street Gunnell St.  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Gumbo Limbo tree  
Species Type(s) check all that apply ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit (X) Shade ( ) Unsure  
Reason(s) for Application:  
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( ) Transplant ( ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below  
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Additional Information and Explanation Tree is too close to pool. Needs to be replaced with more appropriate natives.

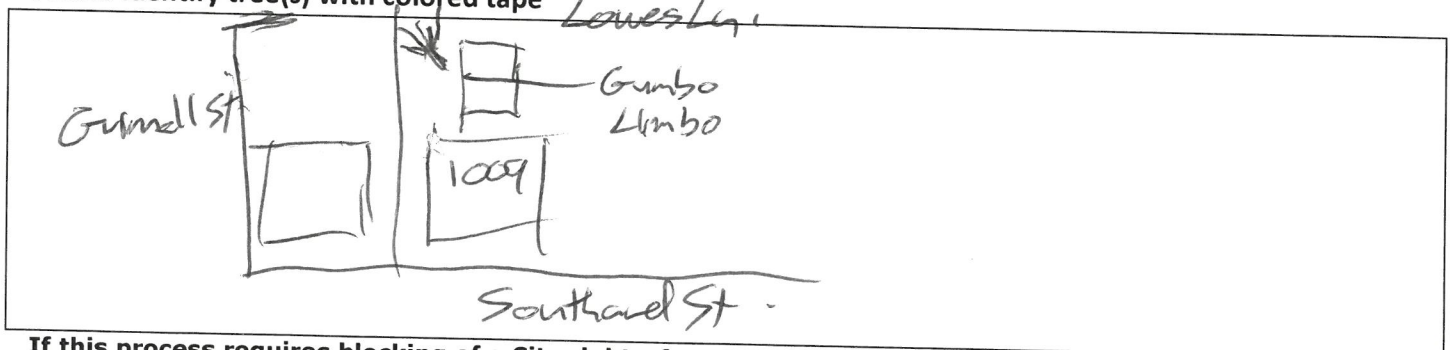
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