

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 29, 2022

RE: **1009 Southard Street (permit application # T2022-0081)**

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 of whole tree.





Photo of tree showing location close to property line fence.





Photo of tree canopy with recently trimmed buttonwood tree canopies.



Photo showing tree trunk in relation to buttonwoods.





Close up photos of base of tree next to property line fence.



Photo of tree trunks.



Close up photo of base of tree showing multiple trunks.

Diameter: 10.1" (multiple trunks)

Location: 60% (growing very close to fence line-tree found during cleanup and removal of tall Ficus benjamina)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

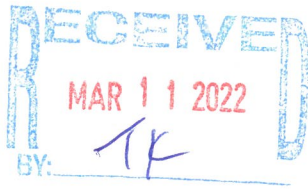
Condition: 50% (overall condition is fair to poor, young tree with poor structure-codominant trunk with included bark.)

Total Average Value = 70%

**Value x Diameter = 7 replacement caliper inches**

# Application





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## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 3-11-2022

Tree Address 1009 Southard  
Cross/Corner Street Grinnell 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:  
(X) Remove (X) Tree Health (X) Safety ( ) Other/Explain below  
( ) Transplant ( ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below  
( ) Heavy Maintenance Trim ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

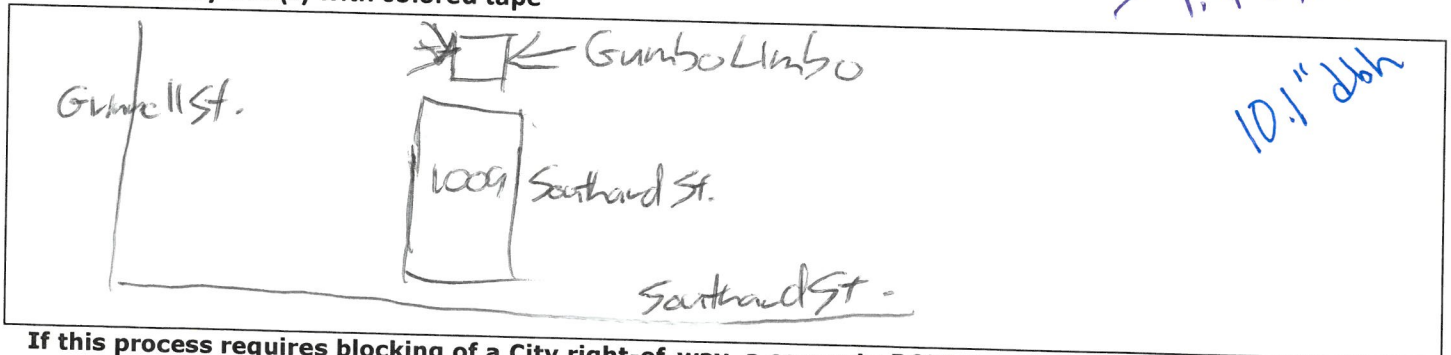
Additional Information and Explanation This structurally deficient Gumbo Limbo was hiding inside a Ficus Benjamina. Once the ficus was removed the Gumbo Limbo's hideous form was revealed.

Property Owner Name Neal Ruchman  
Property Owner email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Mailing Address 1001 Southard St.  
Property Owner Phone Number 305-923-1616  
Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name Kenneth King signed rep form on file. (X)  
Representative email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mailing Address 1602 Leibel St.  
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.



## 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 are 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: Beth Ann Moyes

Print name: BETH ANN MOYES

My Commission expires: 6/8/24

Notary Public-State of

FLORIDA

(Seal)

