

**THE CITY OF KEY WEST
Tree Commission**

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
BEFORE THE TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST**

February 28, 2017

Tree Commission
City of Key West
Petitioner,

Vs.

Leonardo Welf
219 Elizabeth Street
Key West, FL 33040

Larrie Busloff-Leaping Lizard Tree Service
410 Avenue C
Key West, FL 33040

An administrative hearing before the Tree Commission for the City of Key West will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**, at 5:00 p.m., at **Josephine Parker City Hall at Historic Glynn R. Archer School, 1300 White Street, Key West, Florida.**

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to sections 110-288 et. seq. of the Key West City Code. The purpose of this hearing will be to determine if a code violation has been committed by the above named Respondent. Your presence is required at this Tree Commission meeting.

Date of alleged violation: prior to February 10, 2017 at 621 United Street

Alleged code violation: **Sec. 110-256. Tree abuse.**

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

(4) Cutting upon a tree which destroys its natural shape.

Sec. 110-333. Posting.

The applicant for the tree removal permit shall keep the permit posted upon the tree during the work.

Factual allegation: The permit to heavy maintenance trim a Frangipani tree located in the front yard issued February 7, 2017 was not picked up from the Tree Commission office until February 21, 2017. On February 10, 2017, it was noticed that the entire canopy of the tree had been removed in direct contrast to the issued heavy maintenance permit.



Above photo taken February 3, 2017.



Photos taken February 24, 2017.

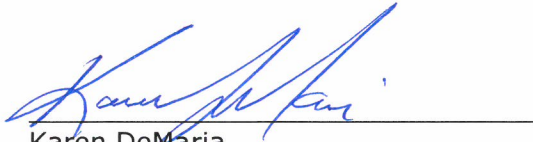
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If the Tree Commission for the City of Key West finds that there has been a violation of the above code section, it will elect to enter into a compliance settlement agreement pursuant to section 110-291 of the Key West City Code or recommend a fine and further hearing before the Special Master of the City of Key West pursuant to section 110-294 of the Key West City Code.

Attendees are hereby notified that a complete and accurate record of the proceeding is required under Florida Statute 286.0105 if an appeal is sought. Appellants are responsible for providing transcription services.

I hereby certify that the forgoing notice has been mailed to the Respondents and has been sent regular mail and certified U.S. Mail to the above named Respondent's listed address on this **28th day of February 2017.**

If you have any questions, please call the office at (305) 809-3768.



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