

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 27, 2019

RE: **2023 Flagler Avenue (permit application # T2019-0085)**

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

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





Mahogany  
to be  
removed

Seagrape  
to be  
removed



02/22/2019





Sewer Boxes

Water Meter

02/22/2019

Tree Species: Mahogany (Switenia mahagoni)











02/22/2019









Diameter: 28.3"

Location: 50% (very visible tree, canopy impacts to utility lines, growing over sewer/water main area)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (poor, large decay area in crotch and in several other branches, canopy shape impacted by utility cuts)

Total Average Value = 63%

**Value x Diameter = 17.8 replacement caliper inches**

Tree Species: Sea Grape (*Coccoloba uvifera*)







03/28/2019









Diameter: 28.6" (multi trunked)

Location: 50% (very visible tree, canopy impacts to utility lines, growing over sewer/water main area)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor, poor structure)

Total Average Value = 66%

**Value x Diameter = 18.8 replacement caliper inches**

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Haskins Plumbing <office@haskinsplumbing.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:21 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Re: 2023 Flagler Avenue Tree removal permit  
**Attachments:** Report for Karen de Maria.pdf

Hi Karen!

I'm attaching a report of the inspection that Tommy did regarding the sewer line and waterline under the sea grape and mahogany tree on 2023 Flagler Ave. property.

Lourdes sent you the pictures of the mahogany decay on a previous email. Please let me know if you require anything else from us.

Kind regards,  
Iliana Johnson

On Feb 27, 2019, at 3:16 PM, Karen DeMaria <[kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)> wrote:

Thomas:

Just verifying what we spoke about on-site regarding your tree removal application. You want to do a heavy maintenance trim on the sea grape to remove that section close to the sidewalk from the root ball and you want to remove the mahogany tree. I will need additional information to justify the removal of the mahogany tree. Do you have photos or receipts showing water or sewer line breaks or close up photos of the decay in the crotch, etc.? Any additional information must be submitted by noon on March 8 in order to be considered for review with the application.

Sincerely,

Karen

*Karen DeMaria*  
Urban Forestry Manager  
Certified Arborist  
City of Key West Planning Department  
1300 White Street, Key West, FL 33040  
305-809-3768

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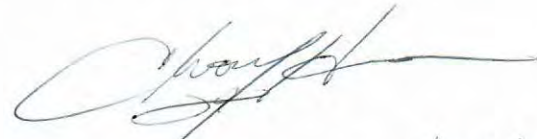


17088 Flying Fish Lane Sugarloaf Key FL 33042 (305) 296-4149 Office (305) 296-4113 Fax

RE: 2023 Flagler Ave.

To whom it may concern :

We have inspected through the inside of the 4" sewer line and located the sewer line with our sewer camera and have found the mahogany tree and sea grape tree is wrapped around our piping and lifting it up. We used a location device to pinpoint the piping and found the two trees to be directly on top of the sewer line. We are not able to access the sewer line to do the repair with out removing the two trees in question. We have put a signal locator on the waterline as well, unfortunately it too is under the sea grape and the mahogany trees. We are experiencing problems with both lines because of these two trees and we would like to gain access to our utility lines to do the necessary repairs.

  
Thomas J Haskins  
3/06/2019

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Karen DeMaria  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 12:03 PM  
**To:** Haskins Plumbing  
**Subject:** RE: 2023 Flagler Avenue Tree removal permit

Just wanted to remind you of the additional information request. I spoke to Kenny about eh photos but I also need a map showing the location fo the trees in relation toe h the sewer lines. One of the Tree Commissioners did make a comment about that at the last meeting.

Sincerely,

Karen

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen DeMaria  
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 2:12 PM  
To: 'Haskins Plumbing' <office@haskinsplumbing.com>  
Subject: RE: 2023 Flagler Avenue Tree removal permit

Thank you for the comment. I will re-advertise for the next month meeting agenda with the sea grape included.

The Tree Commission postponed decision on the tree removal application pending additional information. Kenny needs to get some close up photos of the crotch of the tree. We would like to determine how bad the decay might be or not be in that area. Also, submit a drawing showing the locations of the water and sewer lines in relation to the trees (distance? And direction in relation to the house), what would the cost be to move those lines away from the trees? Could it even be done? Have Thomas talk to Kenny. I will need the additional information submitted to my office by March 29 (at the latest by April 4).

Sincerely,

Karen

-----Original Message-----

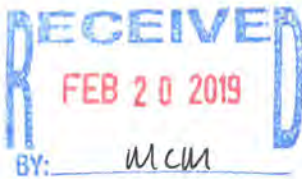
From: Haskins Plumbing <office@haskinsplumbing.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:56 AM  
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
Cc: Haskins Plumbing <office@haskinsplumbing.com>  
Subject: Re: 2023 Flagler Avenue Tree removal permit

Thank you for your update in regards to the SeaGrape tree removal request. After Tommy spoke with you about possibly trying to keep the Sea-grape Tree, you requested us to show further proof of Mahogany Tree removal. Upon this inspection we discovered that both trees are located directly on top of and wrapped around the water and sewer utility lines. In order to fix these lines, we will have to remove both trees entirely. In addition The Mahogany roots are lifting the driveway and the Sea-grape is impeding the sidewalk.

Very Respectfully,  
Iliana Johnson

Office Manager

# Application



CANOPY  
REMOVAL -

2019-0085

PAZM  
REMOVAL -

2019-0086

Canopy  
trim -

Date: 2-20-19

## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 2023 Flagler Ave 3rd St. trim  
Cross/Corner Street  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Mahogany 1 Scaevola 1 Sable Palm  
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 The Mahogany has decay in the lower crotch, is growing into the utility lines and the sewer line.  
Reason for Request The Scaevola is growing into the lines and over the sidewalk. The Sable Palm is blocking the sidewalk.

Property Owner Name Thomas J Haskins  
Property Owner eMail Address office @ haskinsplumbing.com  
Property Owner Mailing Address 17088 Flying Fish Ln  
Property Owner Mailing City Sugarloaf Key State FL Zip 33042  
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 304-2986  
Property Owner Signature

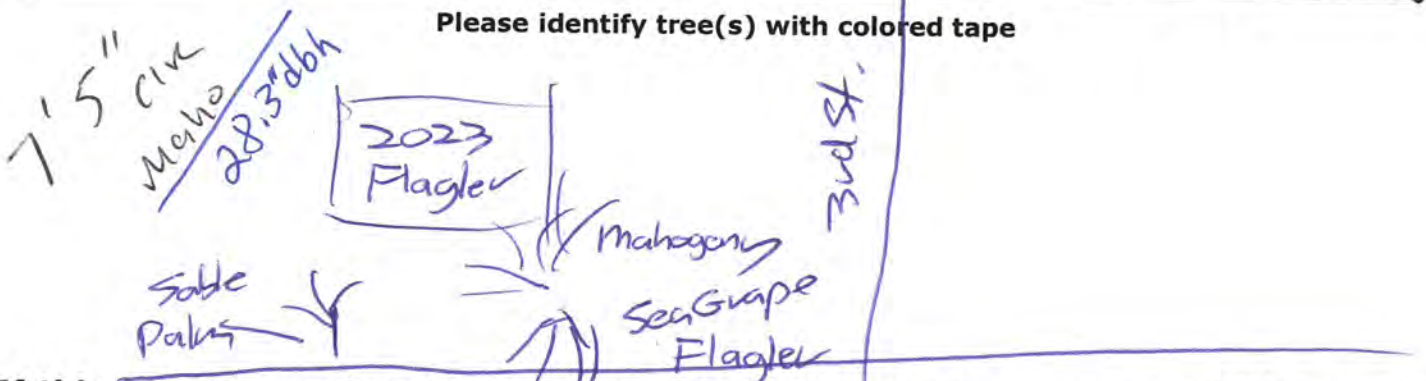
Representative Name Kenneth King  
Representative eMail Address  
Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laird St.  
Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040  
Representative Phone Number (305) 296-8101

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

Date: 02/18/19

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 2023 Flagler Ave. Key West FL 33040

Property Owner Name Thomas J. Haskins  
Property Owner eMail Address office@haskinsplumbing.com  
Property Owner Mailing Address 17088 Flying Fish Ln Sugarloaf Key 33042  
Property Owner Mailing City Sugarloaf Key State FL Zip 33042  
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 304-2986  
Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name Kenneth King  
Representative eMail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laird St.  
Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040  
Representative Phone Number (305) 296-8101

I Thomas J. Haskins, 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 is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature

[Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 18th day of February, 2019

By (Print name of Affiant) Thomas J. Haskins who is personally known to me or has produced DL as identification and who did take an oath.

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

Sign Name: [Signature]

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

Print Name: Iliana Johnson

My Commission Expires: Dec 11, 2021

