

# **Additional Information**

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Myra Wittenberg <myrogkw1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 10:32 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Cc:** Brittany Delgado  
**Subject:** Hardship Request - Tree Removal / Replacment Cost & Requirment / Clarification

Dear Ms. DeMaria:

I submitted a Tree Representation Authorization form to you previously to allow discussion of my request to remove a tree in my back yard that has become a hazard since Hurricane Irma.

Ken King (Golden Bough Tree Svcs) can give details on the situation with the tree and the health issues of the tree which most likely worsened during the stress on the tree caused by hurricane Irma, and a neighbor's tree that fell onto this tree, as well as my back porch, roof and electric feed lines to the home.

I just received ownership of this property in April 2018, quickly and unexpectedly as my father became ill and passed away. I do not have the financial resources to be able to plant other trees in my yard but I do need this tree removed as it is definitely a major safety hazard to my family.

The limbs have become weak and snap off in the slightest bit of windy, rain or adverse weather - I worry about my kids safety constantly whenever there's a little rain or wind coming through our area

I have been advised and pre-approved by an assigned disaster case manager that they will pay for removal of this tree, but I need permission from the Tree Commission first? They will not pay for replacement foliage or tree plantings but only the elimination of the safety concern - I've asked?

Please consider this email a request to be exempt from replanting or replacement of additional trees due to these reasons, and my limited financial ability at this time.

If there's a form or something I need to complete to you - please let me know.

Thank you.

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**From:** Myra Wittenberg <myrogkw1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2019 4:40 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Re: Hardship Request - Tree Removal / Replacment Cost & Requirement / Clarification

Ms. DeMaria,

Thanks. I only learned that new trees may have to replace the old tree? This tree is not well and dangerous at this point.

Not any fault of mine?

I'll fill out the forms as soon as I get the email.

Also, pls note this is a delayed "Post Irma" Red Cross / United Methodist Association removal request. It's taken me this long to work with my case manager to try to receive financial assistance to repair / remediate my home and yard.

Regards,

Brittany Delgado

On Fri, Apr 5, 2019, 4:26 PM Karen DeMaria <[kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)> wrote:

Myra:

This is kind of late notice. There are some forms that need to be filled out and a procedure to follow. While the Tree Commission generally does not give a total exemption, they might reduce the requirements. I will e-mail you Monday with additional information.

Sincerely,

Karen

**From:** Myra Wittenberg <[myrogkw1@gmail.com](mailto:myrogkw1@gmail.com)>  
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**From:** Rebecca White <rwhite@flumc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2019 2:36 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Cc:** Brittany Delgado; Myra Wittenberg  
**Subject:** Brittany Delgado Tree

Dear Karen,

I am a Disaster Case Manager with the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. I am working with Brittany Delgado on a plan to help her recover from Hurricane Irma. One of the parts of her recovery is removing a tree that is damaged in the back yard that is dangerous and dead. I have been getting quotes for taking it out so I can ask disaster recovery funders to provide the money for doing this as Brittany cannot afford this herself. I would ask you to please consider exempting this homeowner from replanting fees as she cannot afford them and it does not make sense to ask to use disaster relief funding for this instead of using it to rebuild homes.

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