

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 27, 2020

RE: 79 Golf Club Drive (permit application # T2020-0059)

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

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

Tree Species: Wild Tamarind (*Lysiloma latisiliquum*)



Photo showing of tree.

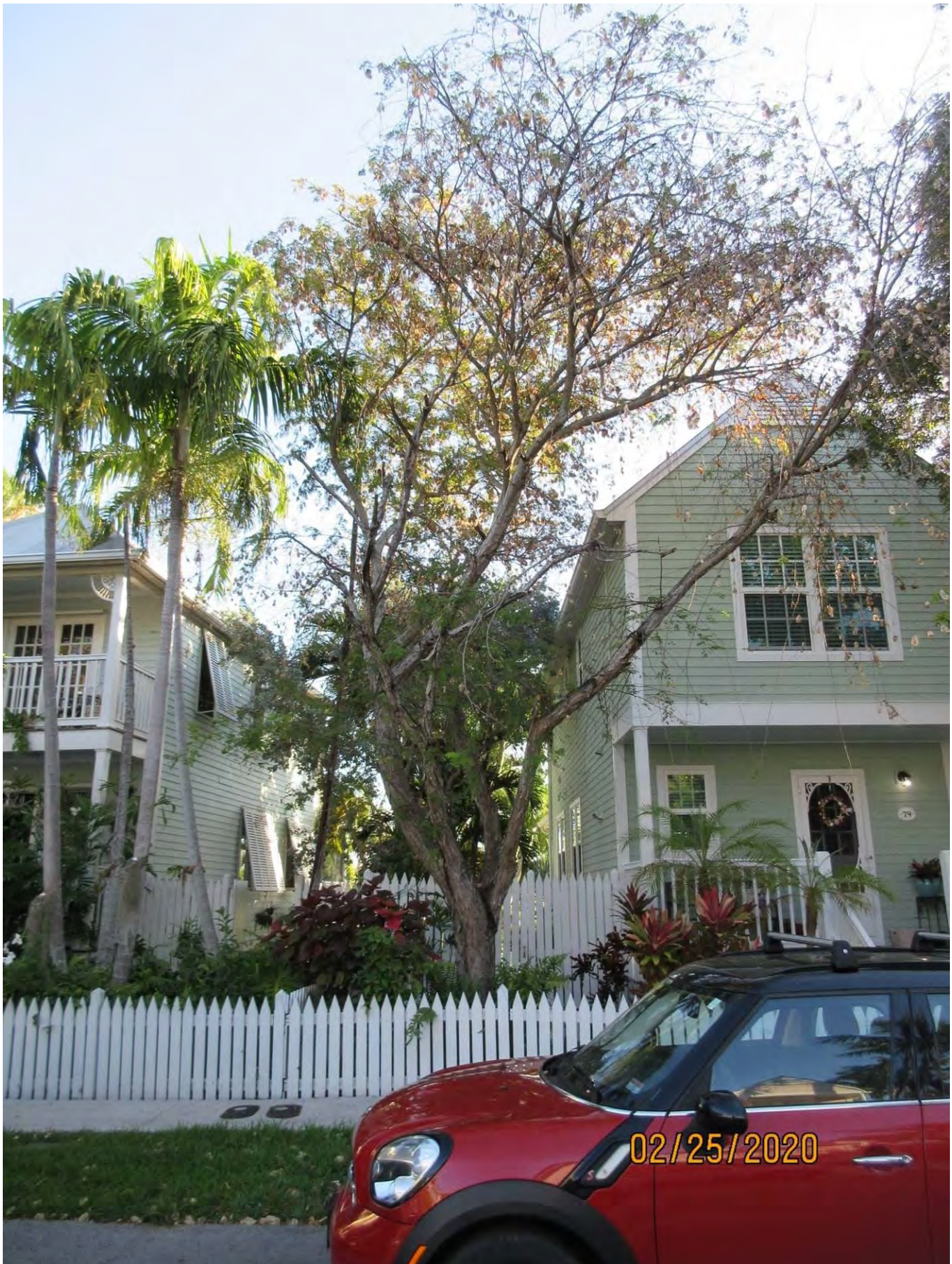


Photo of entire tree.



Photo of tree trunk and canopy, view 1.



Photo of tree trunk and canopy, view 2.



Photo showing
area near base
of tree, view 1.



Photo showing
base of tree,
view 2.



Photo of trunk and base of tree, view 1.



Photo of trunk and base of tree, view 2.



Photo of tree canopy, view 1.



Photo of
tree canopy,
view 2.



Photo of tree
canopy, view 3.

Diameter: 17.8"

Location: 70% (front yard tree, a root might be impacting sidewalk-crack directly in front of tree)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

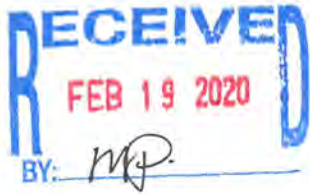
Condition: 50% (overall condition is fair to poor, canopy is storm damaged, dead branches with separating bark evident in upper canopy)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = 12.9 replacement caliper inches

*tree was lacking foliage in canopy. A few other wild tamarind trees were observed in the area looking similar. Other wild tamarind trees looked normal.

Application



T2020-0059

Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: _____

Tree Address 79 Golf Club Dr.

Cross/Corner Street _____

List Tree Name(s) and Quantity

1 Wild Tamarind tree. (T)

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

also trim silver buttonwood tree (neighbor's tree) and palm fronds away from house

Property Owner Name

William Brewer

Property Owner email Address

bbrewer@vco-ok.com

Property Owner Mailing Address

79 Golf Club Dr., KW FL 33040

Property Owner Phone Number

405-317-5236

Property Owner Signature

W. C. Brewer

Representative Name

Leaping Lizard - Larry

Representative email Address

Representative Mailing Address

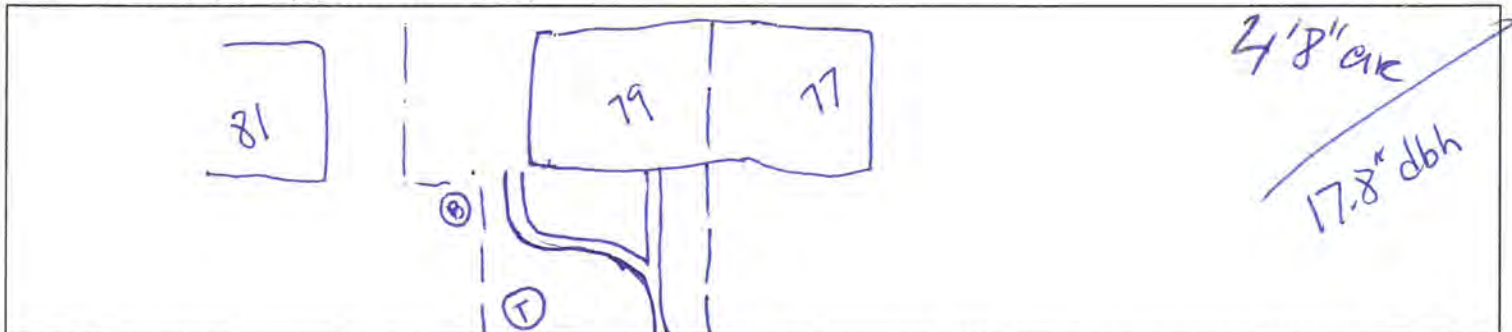
Representative Phone Number

305-930-9964

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

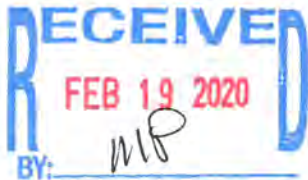


If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.

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305-809-3725



Tree Representation Authorization

Wild Tamarind Tree

Date: _____

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 79 Golf Club Dr., KW, FL 33040

Property Owner Name

William Brewer

Property Owner eMail Address

bbrewer@rc0-ok.com

Property Owner Mailing Address

Same

Property Owner Mailing City

Same

State _____ Zip _____

Property Owner Phone Number

(405) 317-5236

Property Owner Signature

Wm C. Brewer

Representative Name

Representative eMail Address

Representative Mailing Address

Representative Mailing City

State _____ Zip _____

Representative Phone Number () -

I William C. Brewer, 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

Wm C. Brewer

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____ day _____.

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

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Margarita Pedroza

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

Print Name: Margarita Pedroza

My Commission Expires: 8/20/2023



Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Bill Brewer
Cc: 'Larrie Busloff'
Subject: RE: Permit to cut down tree.
Attachments: 79-81 golf course silver button.pdf

Bill:

The removal of the Wild Tamarind tree will be placed on the March 9 Tree Commission agenda. You will be receiving a meeting notice letter next week that tells you what the replacement requirement will be.

I can see why you want to trim your neighbor's silver buttonwood tree. Cutting the limbs to the property line will trigger the need for a heavy maintenance trimming permit as it appears that more than 30% of the canopy would be removed and the tree would become unbalanced (tree abuse). An application would have to be signed by the person who owns the tree. You can trim the branches to an appropriate location on the tree trunks without triggering the need for a trimming permit from my office. I have attached some photos that show my thoughts.

Trimming of palm fronds does not require a permit. City code does state that live fronds on all palm species are not to be removed above the horizontal plain (9-3) so be careful with the trimming. I do understand the need to cut a few live fronds above the 9-3 plain on the house side. You might want to look closely as to whether this will be an ongoing problem and possibly request a permit to remove the palm/s if you think it will be a continual issue. Removal of palms is a staff approval process and requires the planting of 1-native palm, 4 ft tall on the property, nearby (HOA land) or donated.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Bill Brewer <b Brewer@rco-ok.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Cc: 'Larrie Busloff' <larriebusloff@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Permit to cut down tree.

Ok. Just let me know when a decision is made. Thanks, Bill

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On Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 9:13 AM -0500, "Karen DeMaria" <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

Thank you, I will come by early tomorrow morning (Tuesday, 2-25-20) while on my way into Key West to measure the tree and take photos.

Karen DeMaria

From: Bill Brewer <bbrewer@rco-ok.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Cc: bill brewer; 'Larrie Busloff'
Subject: Re: Permit to cut down tree.

If you are facing 79 Golf Club Drive, the tree is the very front left part of the property. Some of the tree's branches reach our roof. Many branches are dead or not well. I'm afraid if a very strong wind were to hit, the tree might damage ours or our neighbor's condo.

Our neighbor's tree has one of its branches hitting our roof. I'd like to cut the branch at our property line. There are some of our palm fronds reaching our roof, & would like them trimmed as well.

I hope you will approve this request. Thank you, Bill

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From: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 3:46 PM
To: bbrewer@rco-ok.com
Cc: 'Larrie Busloff'
Subject: RE: Permit to cut down tree.

Bill:

I have received your application and will be doing a site inspection soon. The application will be heard at the Monday, March 9 Tree Commission meeting. Where is the tree located on the property? There is no location map on the application. Also, why do you want to cut the tree down? It is helpful to have this information when I do the site inspection so I can document any issues. Also, the Tree Commission likes to know why a request is being made to remove a tree.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: bbrewer@rco-ok.com <bbrewer@rco-ok.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 10:37 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Re: Permit to cut down tree.

I left everything with your assistant Margarita today. Larry with Leaping Lizards Tree Service is the person I have chosen to do the work. He or I are hoping to hear from you soon.

Thank you, Bill Brewer
405-317-5236

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On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 2:26 PM -0500, "Karen DeMaria" <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

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

From: Megan Miller
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: FW: Permit to cut down tree.

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

From: Bill Brewer On Behalf Of Bill Brewer
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Web Master
Subject: Permit to cut down tree.

To Karen DeMaria,

I was given your name by Larry with Leaping Lizards Tree Service. I have contracted with Larry's Company to cut down a tree on my property @ 79 Golf Club Drive and to also cut a limb of a tree on my neighbor's property @ 81 Golf Club Drive, that touches my roof. I would like to hear from you by either email, text, or phone. Email bbrewer@rco-ok.com. Phone: 405-317-5236 Please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Bill Brewer

Sent from my iPhone