

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 24, 2021

RE: 412 Porter Lane (permit application # T2021-0060)

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

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

Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)



Photo showing location of tree, view 1 (standing on Fleming Street in Truman Annex looking toward courthouse).





Photo  
looking at  
tree canopy,  
view 1.



Photo showing  
base of tree and  
sidewalk  
impacts, view 1.



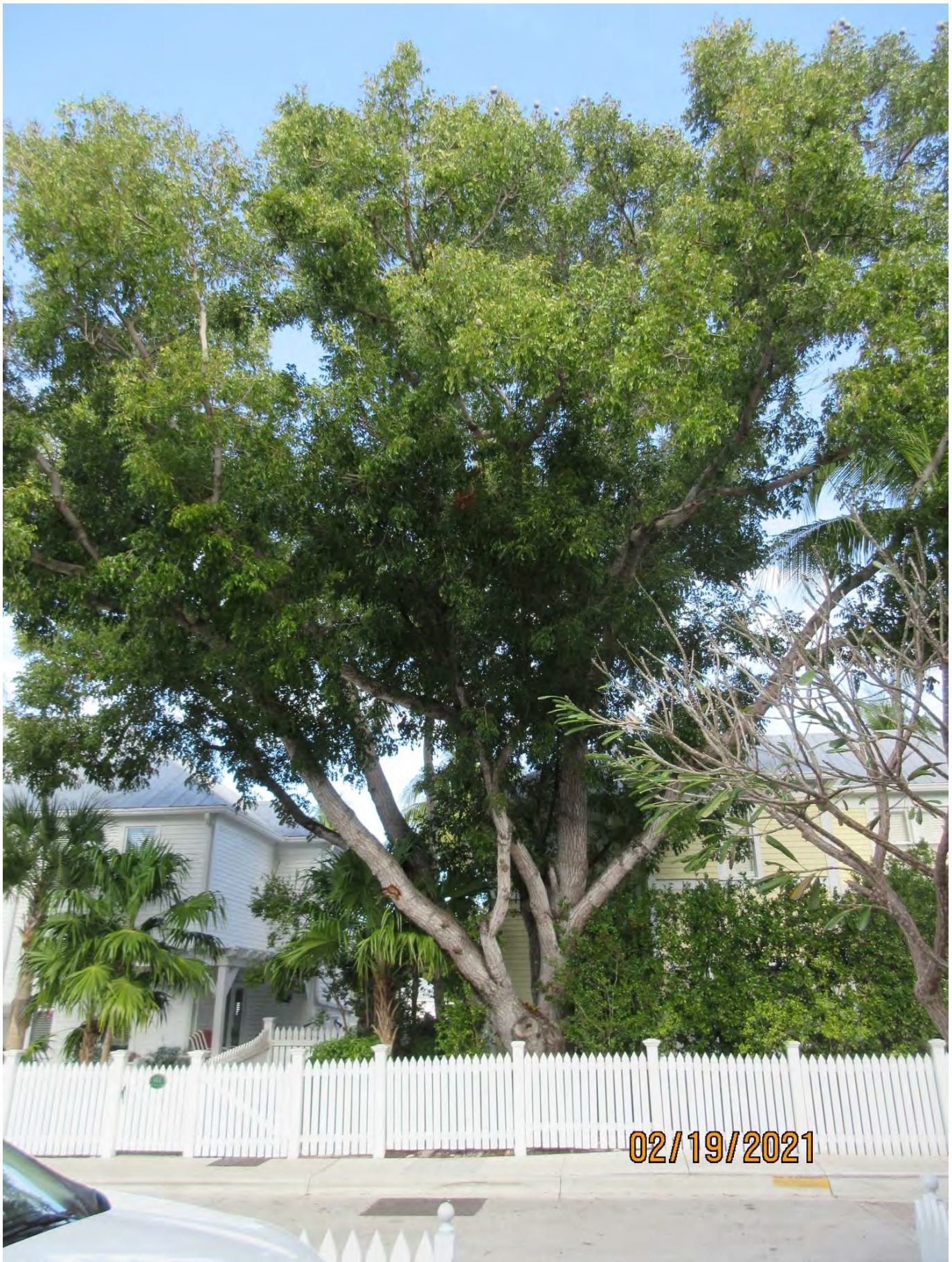


Photo showing whole tree, view 1.





Photo showing  
base of tree and  
sidewalk  
impacts, view 2.



Photo  
showing  
view of  
sidewalk  
next to base  
of tree.





Photo showing large, structural surface root that runs from base of tree toward structure, view 1.



Photo showing large, structural surface root that runs from base of tree toward structure, view 2.





Standing near base of tree, photo showing large structural surface roots growing from base of tree toward structure, view 1.



Standing near structure looking toward base.





Standing near base of tree, photo showing large structural surface roots growing from base of tree toward structure, view 1.



Standing near base of tree along sidewalk/fence line area looking at base of tree, view 1.





Standing near base of tree along sidewalk/fenceline area looking at base of tree, view 2.





Photo showing growth of tree over sidewalk and street.





Photo showing whole tree, view 2.





Photo looking at tree canopy, view 2.

Diameter: 36.6"

Location: 50% (very visual tree along Fleming Street, roots have uplifted sidewalk, large surface roots impacting safe passage on property, roots growing toward structure)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (healthy tree, multitrunked canopy structure with large amount of canopy weight toward sidewalk and roadway area)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = 26.7 replacement caliper inches





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# Application





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## Tree Permit Application

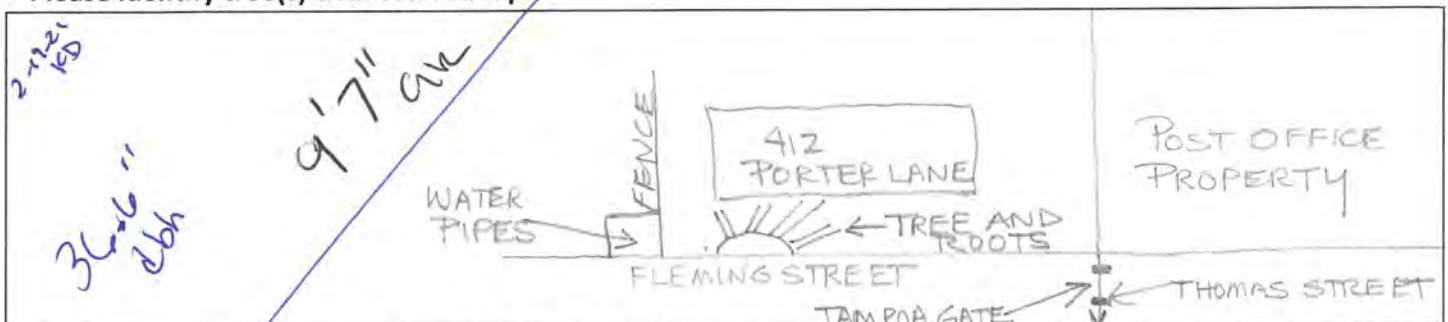
Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 17 MARCH 2021

Tree Address 412 PORTER LANE  
Cross/Corner Street FLEMING STREET AT THOMAS STREET  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity ONE (1) MAHOGANY  
Species Type(s) check all that apply ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit ( ) Shade (X) Unsure  
Reason(s) for Application:  
(X) Remove ( ) 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 SEE ATTACHED

Property Owner Name JOSEPH A. STROUD & BARBARA D. LINNEY ✓  
Property Owner email Address joseph.stroud@comcast.net barbara.linney@comcast.net  
Property Owner Mailing Address 412 PORTER LANE KEY WEST FL 33040  
Property Owner Phone Number (703) 622 9898 (703) 509 0006  
Property Owner Signature X Joseph A. Stroud Barbara D. Linney  
Representative Name FRAN LE PINE  
Representative email Address FRANCARES4U@gmail.com  
Representative Mailing Address 1328 Seminary Street Key West 33040  
Representative Phone Number (305) 304 1738

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 (X)

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 Permit Application

412 Porter Lane, Key West, FL 33040

### Additional Information and Explanation

The subject mahogany tree in our side garden has grown extremely large despite regular trimming. As the tree has grown, the roots have also grown significantly, with several of the roots (now as big as tree trunks themselves) protruding above ground as well as below ground and jeopardizing the foundation of our home. The underground roots are also interfering with the public sidewalk and the water supply to the condominium development (which recently had to be repaired as a result) and required the relocation of the fire hydrant that was near the tree. The above ground roots pose a tripping hazard to us and to our gardeners and the staff of the condominium association who are responsible for maintenance of the building. The size of the tree, which overshadows both our home and the neighbor's home, also makes it susceptible to storm damage and poses a risk to these two buildings which are owned by the Porter Court Condominium Association. In summary, the tree poses a significant safety hazard and for this reason we are seeking a permit to have it removed.





## 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 17 MARCH 2021  
Tree Address 412 PORTER LANE  
Property Owner Name Joseph Stroud & Barbara Linney  
Property Owner Mailing Address 412 Porter Court Key West 33040 FL  
Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip  
Property Owner Phone Number (703) 622 9898 (703) 509 0006  
Property Owner email Address joseph.stroud@comcast.net barbara.linney@comcast.net  
Property Owner Signature x Joseph A Stroud Barbara Linney  
Representative Name FRAN LEPINE  
Representative Mailing Address 1328 SEMINARY STREET  
Representative Mailing City, State, Zip KEY WEST FL 33040  
Representative Phone Number (305) 304-1738  
Representative email Address FRANCARES4U@gmail.com

I JOSEPH A. STROUD 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

Joseph A Stroud

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 17th day February 2021.

By (Print name of Affiant) Joseph A. Stroud who is personally known to me or has produced  
FL Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

Sign name:

Becky D. Hernandez-Bauer

Print name:

Becky D. Hernandez-Bauer

My Commission expires:

Oct. 18, 2024

Notary Public-State of

Florida

(Seal)

County of Monroe

