

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 28, 2021

RE: 922 Thomas Street (permit application # T2021-0111)

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

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

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)



Photo showing location of tree, street view.



Photo showing location of tree in side yard.



Photo showing tree canopy, view 1.



Two photos of the tree canopy, view 2 and 3.





Photo showing tree trunks, view 1. Tree has a main trunk, one big aerial root, and several smaller aerial roots.



Photo showing base of main trunk, view 1.



Photo showing base of main trunk on the neighbor's property.
Fence is the approximate property line.



Photo standing at base of main trunk looking up at main trunk and canopy.



Photo showing tree trunks, view 2.



Photo of tree canopy, view 4.

Diameter: 59.2"

Location: 50% (tree growing in rear side yard on property line and impacts two properties. Most of tree-aerial roots and trunks, are on 922, tree too large for area)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (main trunk with multiple anchored legs, canopy has been trimmed on one side in the past. From the ground, tree appears to be in good to fair condition but reviewing photos submitted by representative there appears to be some major decay and scalding issues with the main branch areas on the upper sides of those branches. These areas create potential failure locations.)

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = 37.2 replacement caliper inches

Additional Information



*Bethel A.M.E. Church of Key West
223 Truman Av
Key West, Florida 33040
Rev. Mildred W. Roscoe, pastor*

*(Tel) 305-290-1149
(E-mail) bethelchurch09@comcast.net*

Date April 30, 2021

Re: Tree Trimming/Removal Request

To Whom It May Concern:

We the Pastor, Officers, and Members of Bethel A.M.E Church located at 223 Truman Avenue send to you this one-time letter of authorization granting permission to a request made by our neighbor Mr. Hamilton to have a licensed tree contractor trim back and/or remove the Fig tree located on the side of the church building at his expense. To our understanding the tree is an obstruction and may pose a threat to uproot the foundation that separates our properties and if required by the city arborist the tree will be replaced with a new species at the expense also of Mr. Hamilton. If you have any questions, please give Rev. Mildred Roscoe a call at 1-786-250-2611.

Kind Regards,

Rashon Lyons, Steward Pro-tem

"...At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow!"

Additional Information

Photos from the tree canopy
from Shade Tree Inc



























Application



T2021-0111-

Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 3/23/21

Tree Address 922 Thomas St.
Cross/Corner Street Truman
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Strangler Fig
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

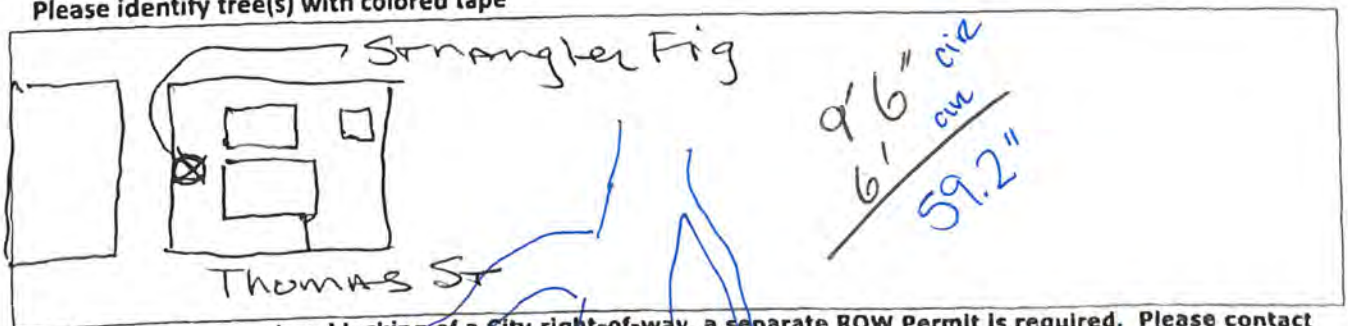
Additional Information and Explanation Tree has severe Sun Scalding large Cavities with decay on upper sides of laterals

Property Owner Name Eva Hamilton ✓
Property Owner email Address evahamilton38@gmail.com
Property Owner Mailing Address 922 Thomas St. KW, FL 33040
Property Owner Phone Number 305-295-8597
Property Owner Signature Eva Hamilton

Representative Name John Cole Shade Tree Inc
Representative email Address shadetreeservices@yahoo.com
Representative Mailing Address PO Box 1341 Key West, FL 33041
Representative Phone Number 305-340-8094

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.

4/5/21
200
of trunk
or width
removal
(chance)

big
leg

main
leg

Small
leg

need letter
from city
chuck - agreeing
to removal of
tree - KD



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 3/23/21
Tree Address 922 Thomas St
Property Owner Name Eva Hamilton
Property Owner Mailing Address 922 Thomas St
Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip Key West, FL 33040
Property Owner Phone Number 305-295-8597
Property Owner email Address evahamilton386@gmail.com
Property Owner Signature Eva Hamilton

Representative Name John Cole Shade Tree Inc
Representative Mailing Address Po Box 1341
Representative Mailing City, State, Zip Key West, FL 33041
Representative Phone Number 305-340-8094
Representative email Address Shadetreeservices@yahoo.com

I, Eva Hamilton 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 if there are any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature Eva Hamilton

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 8th day April.

By (Print name of Affiant) Eva Hamilton who is personally known to me or has produced
FLDLH 543-21367864-0 as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

Sign name:

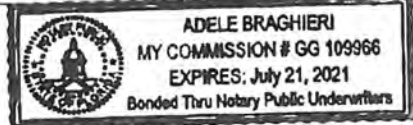
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My Commission expires:

Notary Public-State of

(Seal)



Karen DeMaria

From: Eva Hamilton <evahamilton386@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: Re: Tree removal application 922 Thomas ST

Hi Karen, I just spoke to the pastor and she will email you directly. I will give her your contact info.

Thank you
Let me know if you need anything else

Eva Hamilton
On Wed, Apr 28, 2021 at 11:00 AM Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

Eva, James, and John:

I am putting together the file to be uploaded to the agenda on the website and I need a letter or document from the church that says they agree with the removal of the Strangler Fig tree since the tree is partially on the property line and the removal might impact their property.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria

Karen DeMaria
Urban Forestry Manager
Certified Arborist FL-6585A
City of Key West
305-809-3768

Karen DeMaria

From: John Cole <shadetreeservices@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: Re: 922 Thomas

Yes. I get from my climbers phone and send to you.

Thank you

John Cole

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 12:28 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

John:

The tree removal application states that the Strangler Fig tree at 922 Thomas (Hamilton) has "large cavities with decay on upper sides of laterals". Do you have documentation that supports this? Photos?

Sincerely,

Karen

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Urban Forestry Manager