

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 27, 2021

RE: **2123 Staples Avenue (permit application # T2021-0309)**

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

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

**Tree Species: Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)**



Photo showing location of tree.





Standing on 4<sup>th</sup>  
Street looking  
at whole tree.



From the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Street alley  
side of tree,  
looking at  
canopy, view  
1.





From the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Street alley  
side of tree,  
looking at  
canopy, view  
2.



From the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Street alley  
side of tree,  
looking at  
canopy, view  
3.





From the 4<sup>th</sup> Street alley side of tree, looking at trunk.





From the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Street alley  
side of tree,  
looking at base  
of tree.



Standing on  
the property  
looking at tree  
canopy.





Standing on property looking at main trunk, canopy, and old tear area.





Standing on property looking at main trunk and base of tree.





Photo showing tear area in main trunk, view 1.



Close up view of decay and termite mud in tear area of trunk.





Photo showing tear area in main trunk, view 2.

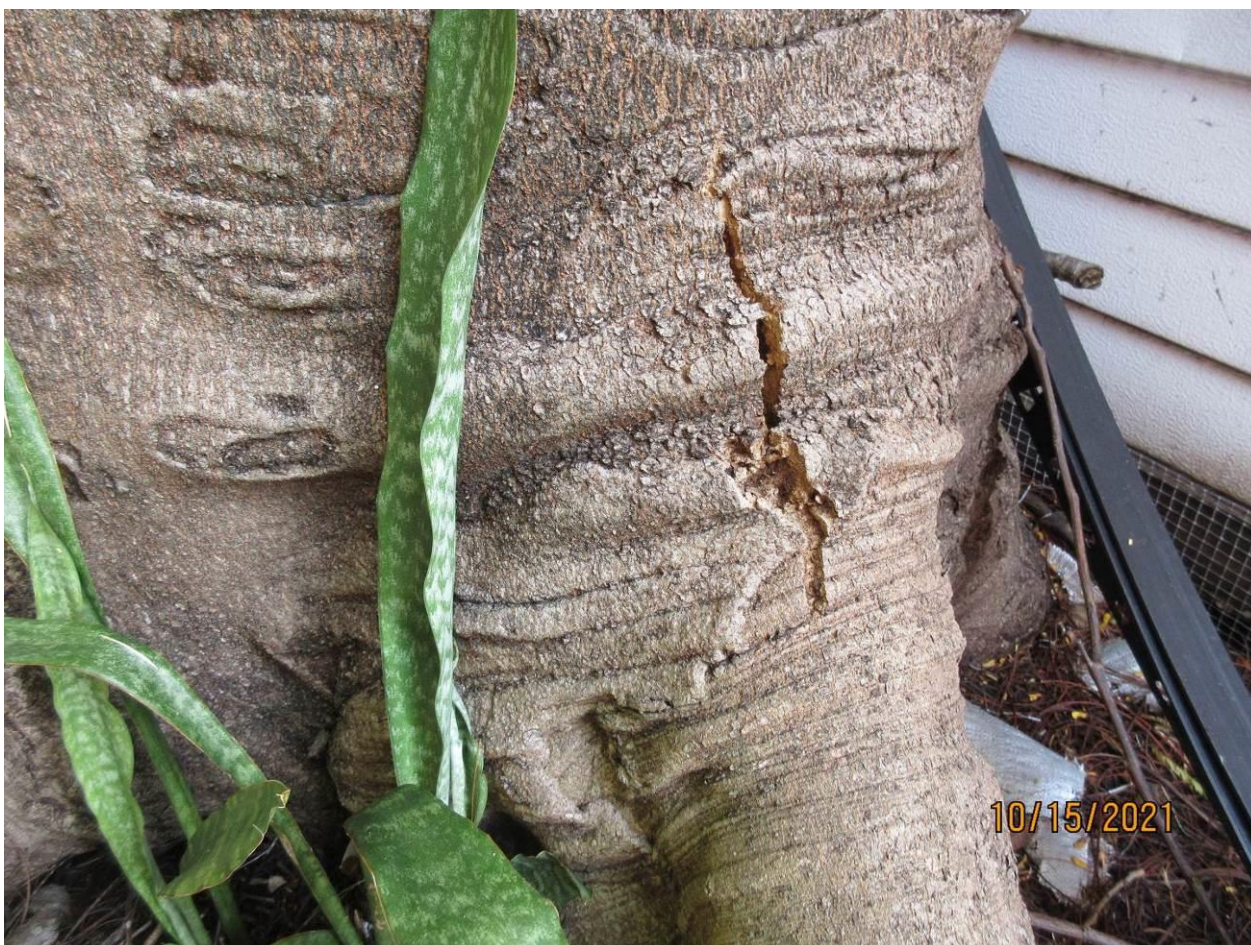


Photo showing cracked bark area at base of tree.





Photo of tree and tear area from one year ago.

Diameter: 25.4"

Location: 40% (very visible tree in side-rear yard by utility alley, growing at base of shed)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 30% (overall condition is poor, old tear of major branch with decay and termites, main trunk bark cracking at tear and base of trunk at root flare, one sided canopy with a lot of weight, high risk for failure)

Total Average Value = 56%

**Value x Diameter = 14.2 replacement caliper inches**



# Application





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## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Address 2123 Staples ave.  
Cross/Corner Street 4th St & Staples ave  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity Poinciana Tree  
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

About 100 years old huge poinciana tree is sick and eaten all the way by termite. Truly Nolen treated, but no change

### Property Owner Name

MASQUE O. Keohan ✓

### Property Owner email Address

### Property Owner Mailing Address

### Property Owner Phone Number

### Property Owner Signature

2123 STAPLES AVE. K.W. FL. 33040  
305-504-4406  
M.O. Keohan

### Representative Name

### Representative email Address

### Representative Mailing Address

### Representative Phone Number

20 year ago tried get permission to remove the tree because the roots were going under the foundation of house.

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.

6'8" circ = 25.4" dbh