



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
 PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
 ZONING DIVISION
 POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

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PPM # ZO-O-018

Effective: 10/13/15

SUBJECT: PRUNING ENFORCEMENT

AUTHORITY: Article 7.H, Review, Installation, and Maintenance

PURPOSE: The purpose of this PPM is to ensure that appropriate corrective measures and applicable fines are implemented for trees and palms that have been damaged by improper pruning.

BACKGROUND: In April 2002, the Zoning Director implemented a policy for the processing of violations for hatracked trees. The ULDC was subsequently amended on January 1, 2004 to include pruning regulations for palms. The hatracking of trees and palms is treated as an irreversible or irreparable violation

PROCEDURES: The enforcement of this policy shall follow the procedures established in Article 7.G.2, Enforcement.

Type 1 Violation: Tree(s) are damaged to an extent that precludes the re-growth of a natural canopy.

1. Notice of Violation is issued to the property owner for noncompliance with standards indicated in Article 7.F.3, Maintenance, and Article 7.F.4, Pruning after Installation.
2. Trees must be removed and replaced in accordance with Table 7.E.3.C.
3. A sufficient period of time will be for tree replacement.
4. If the trees are not replaced within the specified time period, a fine of \$250 per day (per tree) shall be paid to Palm Beach County.
5. Future requests for development orders may be withheld until the violation is corrected.
6. If the trees are not replaced a fine of up to \$5,000.00 per tree for subsequent violations will be assessed.

Type 2 Violation: Tree(s) are damaged to an extent that precludes re-growth of a natural canopy without proper pruning and palms are cut to an extent that endangers their overall health.

1. Notice of Violation is issued to the property owner for noncompliance with Article 7.E.3, Maintenance, and Article 7.F.4, Pruning After Installation;
2. A fine of up to \$250 for each tree or palm damaged for a first violation will be assessed In order to ensure trees and palms are properly trimmed in the future it is recommended the Code Enforcement Special Master require that the property owner submit a pruning program;

3. A fine of up to \$5,000.00 per tree and palm for subsequent violations will be assessed.

Photos of Tree Type I and Type II Pruning Violations:

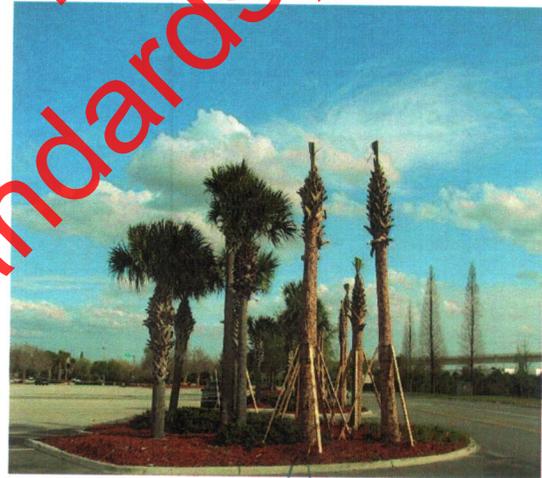
Tree Type I Violation



Tree Type II Violation



Palm Type II Violation



Repealed - Obsolete PPM
(Refer to Art 7 for Violation Standards)

Director

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