

From: [Charles Burkett](#)
To: [Martin Vassolo](#)
Subject: FW: Tree Pruning Question
Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021 11:08:00 AM
Attachments: [IMG_5949.jpg](#)
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"If I was Darth Vader and I wanted to destroy the US economy, I would do aggressive spending in the middle of an already hot economy. You usually get a bubble out of that, and you get inflation of of that. Frankly, we now have both. This is the biggest bubble I've seen in my career." Stanley Druckenmiller, billionaire investor

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

From: Charles Burkett
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Williams, Mark <MarkWilliams@miamibeachfl.gov>
Cc: Chung, Andrew <AndrewChung@miamibeachfl.gov>; Sanchez, Manuel O. <ManuelSanchez@miamibeachfl.gov>
Subject: RE: Tree Pruning Question

Mr. Williams,

Given our conversations earlier this year and my concerns about my beautiful tree at my property and the fact that it was top heavy, I wanted to send you this picture from this week.

The tree not only came down, but destroyed the sidewalk and parts of the front balconies on the building.

Had we been allowed to trim it as we requested, we may not have ended up with this result and still would have had a beautifully fully grown tree on our street.

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"Much that passes as idealism is disguised hatred or disguised love of power." Bertrand Russell

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

From: Williams, Mark [<mailto:MarkWilliams@miamibeachfl.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Charles Burkett <charles@burkettcompanies.com>
Cc: Chung, Andrew <AndrewChung@miamibeachfl.gov>; Sanchez, Manuel O. <ManuelSanchez@miamibeachfl.gov>
Subject: RE: Tree Pruning Question
Importance: High

Charles,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to me with your concerns. Based on the photograph you provided I would advise against any additional canopy reduction pruning at this time unless it's for removal of structural defects or deadwood. The goal should be to strive for a single leader tree or to slowly approach that goal over time. The tree isn't top heavy as it has plenty of foliage spaced fairly well through the entire tree crown. It also appears that the tree has been recently pruned and if so out of curiosity who performed the pruning?

Regards.....

Mark Williams, Urban Forester
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-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Burkett [<mailto:charles@burkettcompanies.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Williams, Mark
Subject: RE: Tree Pruning Question

Mark,

I've attached a picture of the tree in front of my building and would like to know if the top part, the leaves area (the crown) can be reduced by 30% as it is seriously top heavy and I'm afraid in a strong wind the whole thing will come down.

Thanks as usual,

Charles

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

From: Williams, Mark [<mailto:MarkWilliams@miamibeachfl.gov>]

Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 8:56 AM

To: Charles Burkett <charles@burkettcompanies.com>; Mooney, Thomas <ThomasMooney@miamibeachfl.gov>

Subject: RE: Tree Pruning Question

Importance: High

Charles,

Monday works for me. I'll most likely call you in the early afternoon. Have a great day.

Regards....

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Mark Williams, Urban Forester

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

From: Charles Burkett [<mailto:charles@burkettcompanies.com>]

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 2:14 PM

To: Mooney, Thomas; Williams, Mark

Subject: RE: Tree Pruning Question

Hello Mr. Williams,

I'm available during most of the day to talk if you are available.

I'll be back on Monday after 10 should that work better for you.

Thanks Tom.

Charles

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

From: Mooney, Thomas [<mailto:ThomasMooney@miamibeachfl.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 5:47 PM

To: Charles Burkett <charles@burkettcompanies.com>; Williams, Mark <MarkWilliams@miamibeachfl.gov>

Subject: Tree Pruning Question

Hi Mark

I want to introduce Charles Burkett via e-mail. He has a question regarding required approvals for pruning an existing canopy tree on his property.

Thanks, Tom

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

From: Charles Burkett [<mailto:charles@burkettcompanies.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:10 AM

To: Mooney, Thomas

Subject: RE: Property Question

Tom, my cell is 305 992 0102. Call me anytime.

Thanks,

Charles

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