

## Vazquez, Thomas

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2024 7:25 AM  
**To:** Vazquez, Thomas  
**Cc:** Bell-Llewellyn, Deena; Sheppard, Terri; Loar, Antoine  
**Subject:** Re: 3911 Ponce De Leon Blvd - improper pruning ?

Hello Thomas,

In my opinion YES.

The only argument I have had in a magistrate hearing, is one crafty arborist cited "pollarding" as an acceptable pruning technique. (European mostly)

Most all municipal govts here (USA) utilize the maximum annual crown foliage removal standard. Which would void pollarding as an acceptable pruning technique.

Side note.

Even if that was claim it would have been done through entire life and given the decay pockets at tops (in the nubs/clusters) these were done as mature trees with aggressive large branch cuts (Not trained as is the technique), now it will be a "Well we do it this way every year" explanation".  
(Hard to tell from picture but possible second or third time this was done.)

They were allowed to get "TOO BIG", and this was everyone's answer because these trees have little interior crown foliage naturally.

Sorry to ramble. 😊

Regards,

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Good afternoon Charles,

I found the attached while on my routine patrol. Would this constitute improper pruning?

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Regards,

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