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On March 7th, 2025 A.J. Odilon contacted Bartlett Tree Experts to inspect three black olives (*Terminalia busceras*) located at 3406 Granada Blvd. The trees had recently been pruned and were found to be in violation of Coral Gables Code of Ordinance Section 82-3 (b) – Defacement of tree, shrubs, vines, etc., in public placed prohibited without a permit, and Section 82-29 (c) – Tree Abuse – Permits generally. The city required that the tree be evaluated for overall condition to determine if the tree could be retained.

Kelly Gallo, Field Consultant with the Oakland Park office of Bartlett Tree Experts visited the site on March 13, 2025. The tree evaluation was performed from the ground for visual conditions. A written report would be provided to documenting the observations from the site visit, determine viability to retain, and provide recommendation for the future care of the tree.

The trees are in the right of way between Granada Boulevard and the residential property. They ranged from 55-65 feet tall. The trunks measured at 54 inches above grade, ranged from 40-43.25 inches. The canopy of these trees reaches over the road and the very front part of the property.

The recent pruning consisted of multiple heading cuts ranging from approximately 2" to 10" in diameter in the crown facing the property. (See photo below). Heading, or "topping" cuts is a sub-standard practice that has long been understood to be detrimental to tree health and structure. Heading cuts can promote decay in the retained part of the branch.

The condition of the trees remains good and the number of heading cuts do not warrant removal of the tree. Bartlett Tree Experts recommends the following remedial actions to mitigate the damage done to the tree:

- Fertilize the tree every four months with a controlled release fertilizer based on the results of a soil sample.
- Prune the tree properly. Branches that were headed should be reduced back to a lateral and/or removed back to the branch collar. Pruning should be performed by an ISA Certified Arborist who is competent in this work.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Kelly Gallo

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APPENDIX A- PHOTOS

Figure 1 Large defoliated limb on southernmost tree, facing the property



Figure 2 Looking from property towards street, large heading cuts are observed



Figure 3 center tree with 2-4" heading cuts in the upper canopy



Figure 4 Northernmost tree with heading cuts in the upper canopy and large deadwood in the crown



Limits of the Assignment

The tree assessment was performed from the ground for visual conditions. This tree inventory was not a tree risk assessment. As such, no trees were assessed for risk in accordance with industry standards, nor are there any tree risk ratings or risk mitigation recommendations provided within this report.

Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. All data has been verified insofar as possible; however, the consultant can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.

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There is no guarantee for the preservation of the trees contained in this report, however, the preservation plan is made with the best interest intended for the trees being preserved.