

Sean T. Brandenburg
Chief of Police



Key West POLICE DEPARTMENT

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR POLICE CHIEF

KEY WEST POLICE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TO TRESPASS PROGRAM

As your Police Chief, I want to thank you for your participation in the Key West Police Department's *Authorization to Trespass Program*. Florida Statutes §810.08-.09, authorizes property owners, or their designated agent, to authorize officers of the Key West Police Department to order persons trespassing on their property to leave and, if they refuse to leave after being ordered to do so, the officer is authorized to remove and/or arrest the individual(s) for trespass.

To ensure our KWPD Authorization to Trespass Program is in full compliance with current applicable statutory requirements, and to increase efficiency in administration of the program, we have revised our KWPD *Authorization to Trespass Form* (copy attached) and process. KWPD Authorizations to Trespass (*as revised*) will now remain in effect "*until revoked*", eliminating the previous requirement for property owners to submit a new authorization annually to remain in effect. Additionally, we have revised our KWPD Authorization to Trespass signage to bring the signage into full compliance with current applicable statutory requirements to fortify both enforcement and subsequent prosecution, when applicable. A sample of the revised signage is attached which also includes where the revised signage can be purchased. Current KWPD Authorization to Trespass signage must be replaced with the revised signage to be compliant.

I encourage your continued participation in the KWPD Authorization to Trespass Program. Please complete the attached revised KWPD Authorization Form today and email to me @ kwpdtrespass@cityofkeywest-fl.gov. If you prefer, you can also hand-deliver, or mail, to Katherine Peters, KWPD, 1604 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040. Once received, your revised Authorization will be uploaded into our electronic records where it **will remain in effect until revoked**.

Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to Katherine Peters by phoning (305) 809-1013. We look forward to continuing to work together in providing the best possible public safety for our community.

Sincerely,

Sean T. Brandenburg

Police Chief Sean Brandenburg
KEY WEST POLICE DEPARTMENT



RESPECT - INTEGRITY - FAIRNESS - SERVICE

Key West Police Department 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040 (305) 809-1111

www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov



Sean T. Brandenburg
Chief of Police



Key West POLICE DEPARTMENT

KWPD AUTHORIZATION TO TRESPASS

I, _____, having legal authority to represent the property located
(Print Full Name)
at _____
(Property Address; if a business, include the business name) (If gated, add Gate Code.)

do hereby grant permission to all officers of the Key West Police Department the authority to trespass and remove any subjects that said officers deem necessary for the safety and well-being of the property and/or persons within. This authorization is granted in accordance with the Florida Statutes cited below governing trespass after warning.

810.08 Trespass in structure or conveyance.

(1) Whoever, without being authorized, licensed, or invited willfully enters or remains in any structure or conveyance, or having been authorized, licensed or invited is warned by the owner or lessee of the premises or by a person authorized by the owner or lessee to depart and refuses to do so, commits the offense of trespass in a structure or conveyance.

(3) As used in this section, the term "person authorized" means any owner or lessee, or his or her agent, or any law enforcement officer whose department has received written authorization from the owner or lessee, or his or her agent, to communicate an order to depart the property in the case of a threat to public safety or welfare.

810.09 Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance.

(1)(a) A person who, without being authorized, licensed, or invited, willfully enters upon or remains in any property other than a structure or conveyance:

1. As to which notice against entering or remaining is given, either by actual communication to the offender or by posting, fencing, or cultivation as described in s. 810.011; or
2. If the property is the unenclosed curtilage of a dwelling and the offender enters or remains with the intent to commit an offense thereon, other than the offense of trespass, commits the offense of trespass on property other than a structure or conveyance.

(b) As used in this section, the term "authorized person" or "person authorized" means any owner, his or her agent, or a community association authorized as an agent for the owner, or any law enforcement officer whose department has received written authorization from the owner, his or her agent, or a community association authorized as an agent for the owner, to communicate an order to leave the property in the case of a threat to public safety or welfare.

***** This trespass authorization will remain in effect until revoked, in writing, by the property owner or authorized representative, at the time of the written request.**



KEY WEST POLICE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TO TRESPASS SIGNAGE

(Updated 8/2024 for statutory compliance: revised language and size increased to 18"x 24")

**NO
TRESPASSING**



Key West Police Department Officers are authorized by the owner of this property to order any person to leave the premises. Failure to leave the premises after being ordered to leave may result in an arrest for trespassing.

§810.08 and 810.09, Fla. Stat.

KEY WEST POLICE DEPARTMENT

To report a crime call "911"

UPDATED SIGNAGE CAN BE PURCHASED FROM:

CATEGORY 5
DESIGNS, SIGNS & MORE!

913 Eaton Street
Key West, FL 33040
305-295-0026
Email: Sales@Cat5Signs.com