

CITY OF MARATHON

Memorandum



Meeting Date: February 12, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor Bartus and City Council Members

Through: Chuck Lindsey, City Manager

From: Douglas Lewis, Growth Management Director/Building Official

Subject: Growth Management Report
December 2018/January 2019

Code Compliance Department

There was no Hearing before the Special Magistrate scheduled in December, 2018.

The Code Department sent 22 notices for Hearing before the Special Magistrate scheduled on January 16, 2019. Prior to the meetings, a total of 9 cases were withdrawn after coming into compliance and 4 requested and were granted a continuance. The remaining cases went before the Special Magistrate and all were found in violation as follows;

Respondents were present and admitted violation: 3
Respondents requested trial and found in violation: 1
Respondents were absent and found in violation: 2
Respondents were absent and found in non-compliance: 3

The next Code Hearing before the Special Magistrate is February 16, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. There are currently 7 cases noticed for this Hearing.

Public complaints and phone calls have increased as seasonal residents and tourists return. Staff continues to work with the public on education and compliance.

Code Cases: December 2018

January 2019

Cases opened:	39	26
Cases closed:	35	33
Total open cases:	288*	

(* Approximately 50% of these cases remain open due to fines/fees or have complied by applying for building permits and the permits remain active)

Building Department: December

- Projects Issued: 212
- Applications Received: 134
- Inspections Performed: 1196
- Dept. Revenue Collected = \$201,566.53

December and January saw several changes in the building department as we strive to improve our service to the City.

Starting mid-January, Building Department will be open to the public from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

We will accept building inspection requests up until 7am the day of the inspection, if complete information is left on the inspections voicemail.

The largest gain for the building department was producing 50% more permits than applications for the December/January time period. It will take a few more months of this progress before the building community as a whole, starts to see and feel the results.

(**Total includes fees: Impact, Waste & Stormwater, State Administrative, Educational Fund and Fire Inspections**)