

CITY OF MARATHON



Memorandum

Meeting Date: February 9, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor Gonzalez and City Council Members

Through: George Garrett, City Manager

From: Code Department

Subject: Code Compliance Report - January 2021

The Code Department continues to work with the public on education and compliance to bring properties into compliance before coming to hearing.

There were three (3) cases sent for hearing before the Special Magistrate scheduled on January 21, 2021. Prior to the hearing, (1) case was continued pending further review, (2) cases were found in violation.

Deputy Tyler Blanton of the Sheriff's Office came before the Special Magistrate to testify in one of the cases concerning a downstairs enclosure that he came across while investigating a fatality that occurred at the subject property unrelated to the code violation. The owner of the subject property was found in violation and the Special Magistrate ordered the Respondent to cease and desist all habitation on the property until such time as a demo permit has been applied for and obtain and all inspections passed by Planning, Building and Code.

The next Code Hearing before the Special Magistrate is February 18, 2021 at 2:00pm at Marathon city Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL.

Viewpoint Software Update

The Code Department started working on the new software system that is now in place. The old data has been integrated into the new system. The software will streamline the work process as well as improving efficiency for staff as well as the public sector.

Code Compliance Activity

\$50,000 has been collected because of a stipulated agreement.

Multiple cases are being reviewed for the next legal step to collect outstanding fines.

Opened Code Cases: December 2020 - January 22, 2021

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>Count</u>
<u>Building Code</u>	6
<u>Multiple Violation</u>	1
<u>Property Standards</u>	2
<u>Right of Way</u>	1
<u>Vacation Rental</u>	2
Total:	12

Closed Code Cases: December 2020- January 22, 2021

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>Count</u>
<u>Building Code</u>	8
<u>Environmental</u>	2
<u>Multiple Violation</u>	5
<u>Property Standards</u>	1
<u>Sewer - Failure to Connect</u>	1
<u>Unsafe Structure</u>	1
<u>Vacation Rental</u>	3
Total:	21

Total open cases: 199*

(*A large portion of these cases remain open due to fines/ fees due or are moving toward compliance via application for building permits/ active permits not yet inspected and closed out.)

Code Department staff responded to numerous Code complaints either by telephone, email, online, or in-person. Not all complaints resulted in open cases as they were either quickly resolved, unfounded, civil in nature, or subsequent complaints on an existing Code case.