

# CITY OF MARATHON



## Memorandum

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**Meeting Date:** November 9, 2021  
**To:** Honorable Mayor Luis Gonzalez and City Council Members  
**Through:** George Garrett, City Manager  
**From:** Ted Lozier, Code Compliance Director  
**Subject:** Code Compliance Report

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### **Code Compliance Department**

The Code Department continues to work with the public on education and compliance, thereby reducing the number of cases going before the special magistrate hearings.

The Code Department sent three notices for Hearing before the Special Magistrate scheduled on October 21, 2021. Prior to the meeting, one (1) case was continued pending a settlement agreement and one (1) was withdrawn by compliance. The remaining case was found in violation by the Special Magistrate.

The next Code Hearing before the Special Magistrate or Code Board is November 18, 2021, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. There are currently three (3) cases noticed for this Hearing.

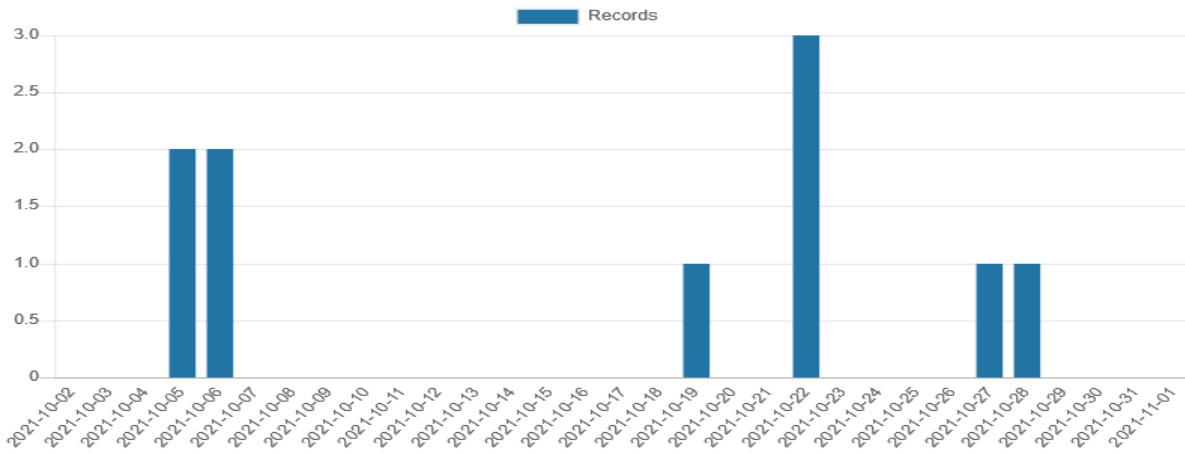
The Code Department is also in the process of filling a vacant Code Officer position.

### • **Code Compliance Activity**

Code Department staff responded to numerous Code complaints either by telephone, email, online, or in-person. A total of 10 new cases were opened in October. 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. And staff continue follow-up activities of outstanding cases; multiple cases are under review for the next legal step to collect outstanding fines.

- **Code violations for October 2021**

Records submitted over time



Ten (10) new records were created

**Passenger Vehicles for Hire (PVFH) – Ordinance Review and Implementation**

At the October City Council meeting, Council requested a review and proposed implementation of the Regulation of Business Offering Passenger Vehicles for Hire within the City.

- A process to issue licenses of such businesses has been proposed for implementation through the City’s online platform via OpenGov. Entities will have the ability to file their application and register the vehicles and drivers of their operations. After review and completion of the application, a business license along with an identifiable decal for each vehicle would be issued to the operations before they can operate within the City of Marathon.
- A determination for addressing services such as Uber and Lyft needs considered. Although similar, traditional taxi operations differ from these ride share application services. At the time the existing ordinance was drafted, services like Uber and Lyft were not prevalent. Proposals for addressing both types will be developed for consideration.
- Minor revisions and updates will be proposed to the existing ordinance along with any revisions that may be necessary to address services like Uber and Lyft.
- Enforcement would follow similar code enforcement procedures; investigate and take appropriate actions on filed complaints, investigate and take action on known violations, and, particularly for this ordinance, work with the MCSD on violations and enforcement.