

# CITY OF MARATHON



## Memorandum

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**Meeting Date:** January 11, 2022

**To:** Honorable Mayor John Bartus 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 with the goal of reducing the number of cases going before the Special Magistrate or Code Board hearings.

The Code Department sent five notices for hearing before the Special Magistrate scheduled on December 16, 2021. One case was continued and will be heard at the next hearing. The remaining four cases were found in violation by the Special Magistrate.

There will not be a Code Hearing in January; the next Code Hearing before the Special Magistrate or Code Board is February 17, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. The number of notices anticipated for the February hearing is estimated at eight.

#### **• Code Compliance Activity**

Trash Collection Services - Staff will continue to work with both vacation rentals and residences regarding the proper and acceptable procedures for solid waste, recycling, and yard waste pick-up. With the busier season along with the holiday service schedule changes, that people did not adhere to, this issue has become more challenging. As a result, filled trash cans have been set out for more than a day, yard waste has not been properly bundled for pick-up, and empty trash and yard waste cans have remained in the rights of way after the pick-up day. Information about these collection services is being distributed and flyers will also be attached to trash cans that remain in the rights of way. And as complaints are received and/or inspections are completed, further code compliance actions will be taken including courtesy notices, violation notices and citations.

Complaint Response and Violation Cases - The Code Department staff responded to numerous complaints 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. A total of 19 new code cases were opened in December. Staff continue follow-up activities of outstanding cases; multiple cases are under review for the next legal step to collect outstanding fines.

**Code Cases Opened in December 2021**  
**Total = 19 Cases**

