

CITY OF MARATHON



Memorandum

Meeting Date: February 8, 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

Code Compliance Department

There was no Code Hearing in January. The next Code Hearing before the Special Magistrate or Code Board is scheduled for February 17, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. Six cases were noticed for this hearing.

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. Staff responded to numerous complaints by telephone, email, online, or in-person. Not all complaints resulted in open cases as they were either resolved, unfounded, civil in nature, or subsequent complaints on an existing code case. Fourteen new code cases were opened in January. Staff continue follow-up activities of outstanding cases.

• Code Compliance Highlighted Activity

Trash Collection Services – The trash container problems have started to become less of an issue, but more work still needs done to alleviate this issue. During the week including weekends, a total of 27 locations received warnings about their trash cans that did not meet the proper procedures, and as a result there have been no repeat problems at these locations. Staff will continue informing residents and vacation rentals (agents and owners) about the proper procedures for solid waste, recycling, and yard waste pick-up, particularly for those properties along the collector roads. And as complaints are received and/or inspections are completed, further code compliance actions will be taken including violation notices and citations.

Passenger Vehicles For Hire (PVFH) Licensing – Staff have implemented the online procedures for application of PVFH licenses. Starting the week of January 31, the known taxi companies operating in Marathon will be notified of the procedures and licensing requirements, and efforts are ongoing to identify and notify any additional PVFH companies. Also, proposed changes to the PVFH regulations are being developed and reviewed by staff. These proposed changes will likely come before City Council in March or April.

Vacation Rentals – Staff continue to find Vacation Rental code violations, and initiate code violation cases for unresolved violations. To help with the efforts in identifying unlicensed vacation rentals, staff are reviewing information on software developed by Deckard Technologies, called Rentalscape, that is designed to scan, identify, and monitor short-term rental properties, and determine which properties have not been properly licensed. Other jurisdictions within and including Monroe County are using and/or planning to utilize this service. Staff are working with the software company to have a proposal developed for consideration; having other jurisdictions involved is helping us obtain discounted pricing.

Code Cases Opened in January 2022
Total = 14 Cases

