

CITY OF MARATHON



Memorandum

Meeting Date: March 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

The Code Department had seven notices for hearing before the Special Magistrate scheduled on February 17, 2022. Four cases came into compliance by the hearing date, two cases were continued, and the remaining one was found in violation by the Special Magistrate.

The next Code Hearing before the Special Magistrate or Code Board is March 17, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. Nine cases are noticed for the hearing.

Sixteen new code cases were opened in February (see chart). 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. The Code Department continues to work with the public on education and compliance with the goal of voluntary compliance and reducing the number of cases going to code hearings. Staff continue follow-up activities of outstanding cases.

• **Code Compliance Highlighted Activity**

Trash Collection Services – Since January 1, a total of 37 locations received warnings about their trash cans that did not meet proper procedures. Staff continue informing residents and vacation rentals (agents and owners) about the proper procedures for solid waste, recycling, and yard waste pick-up. 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 notified all known PVFH companies about the City's licensing requirements, and they are assisting them with the licensing process. Proposed changes to the PVFH regulations are being developed and will likely come before City Council in April.

Vacation Rentals – Staff worked with Deckard Technologies and received a demonstration of their rental property monitoring system which in part can scan, identify, and monitor short-term rental properties, and determine those that are not meeting the City’s vacation rental requirements. The company has submitted a proposal that is currently under staff review.

Code Cases Opened in February 2022
Total = 16 Cases

