

# CITY OF MARATHON



## Memorandum

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**Meeting Date:** April 12, 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 had nine notices for hearing scheduled on March 17, 2022; 8 were before the Special Magistrate and one was before the Code Compliance Board (this was the first case for the Code Board since the appointment of members in May/June 2021). Three cases were resolved by the hearing date through compliance and stipulation agreements. The remaining six were found in violation by the Special Magistrate or Code Compliance Board.

The next Code Hearing is April 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. Two cases are noticed for the hearing. Prior to implementing the notice for hearing, eight violation cases came into voluntary compliance. A total of 12 code cases were closed through compliance in March.

Twelve new code cases were opened in March (see chart). Staff responded to and investigated 42 code complaints received 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 majority of cases and complaints have been related to three types of code violations: construction activities without proper permits, operating vacation rentals without licenses, and property standards (tall grass/weeds, debris/junk, lack of maintenance).

- **Highlighted Activity**

Passenger Vehicles For Hire (PVFH) Licensing – Staff are assisting a few of the active PVFH companies who responded to our courtesy notice of the on-line licensing process. Notices of Violation have been delivered to four PVFH companies for failure to respond regarding the City's licensing requirements. Proposed changes to the PVFH regulations are still being developed.

Vacation Rentals – Staff are continuing to evaluate proposals of two companies that provide vacation rental property monitoring systems.

Trash Collection Services – Since January 1, 60 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.

**Code Cases Opened in March 2022**  
**Total = 12 Cases**

