

CITY OF MARATHON



Memorandum

Meeting Date: June 14, 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

The Code Department had 11 notices for hearing scheduled on May 19, 2022 of which one person requested to be heard before the Code Hearing Board; two cases were resolved prior to the hearing. The remaining nine were found in violation by the Code Hearing Board or Special Magistrate.

The next Code Hearing is June 16, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. Eleven cases are noticed for the hearing. Twenty-five new code cases were opened, and 13 code cases were closed through compliance.

May Code Hearing – cases heard	9 (2 withdrawn by compliance)
June Code Hearing – cases	11
New cases opened	25
Cases closed	13

Code complaints received: 71.

In May, staff investigated and responded to 71 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. Most of the cases and complaints were related to construction activities without proper permits, operating vacation rentals without licenses, and property standards (tall grass/weeds, debris/junk, lack of maintenance). Several cases were the result of the Code Department assisting the Building Department with the building recertification requirements. And, staff has responded to general inquiries, public records requests, property lien searches, and specific code inquiries.

Highlighted Activity

Passenger Vehicles For Hire (PVFH) Licensing – One company closed, three companies have been licensed, 4 companies (including 2 who were noticed and heard before the Special Magistrate in May and found to be in violation) are actively applying, and 2 other companies are under investigation.

Known PVFH Companies Operating	9
Companies Licensed To Date	3
Companies In Application Process	4
Companies Under Investigation	2

Vacation Rental Monitoring Systems – The City has contracted with a service provider that will help identify potential vacation rental license violations. This service is expected to start by the end of June.

Trash Collection Services – Since January 1, 72 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 are taken including violation notices and citations.