

CITY OF MARATHON

Memorandum



Meeting Date: August 9, 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The Code Department had 12 notices for the July 21, 2022 Hearing; 2 cases were withdrawn by compliance, 2 cases were granted time extensions prior to the hearing, and 3 cases were continued to the August hearing. The remaining five were found in violation by the Special Magistrate.

The next Code Hearing is August 18, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. Nine cases are noticed for the hearing. Forty new code cases were opened, and 11 code cases were closed through compliance.

July Code Hearing – cases heard of 12 notices	5
August Code Hearing – cases	9
New Code cases	40 (24 sign code violations)
Cases closed	11

Code complaints received: 47.

In July, staff investigated and responded to 47 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 complaints resulting in opened code cases were related to construction activities without proper permits, operating vacation rentals without licenses, and property standards (tall grass/weeds, debris/junk, lack of maintenance). 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 – Four companies have been licensed, 3 companies are actively applying, and 1 company is noticed for hearing.

Known PVFH Companies Operating	8
Companies Licensed To Date	4
Companies In Application Process	3
Companies Noticed for Hearing	1

Vacation Rental Monitoring Systems – Vacation rental advertisement monitoring and property identification is underway. To date, 881 vacation rental properties have been identified with a property address/parcel. And 2,875 advertisement listings have been identified. As properties are accurately identified, a comparison of licensed properties with all advertised properties will indicate potential violations.

Trash Collection Services – Since January 1, 88 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.

Signage – Twenty-four entities were notified of sign code violations for their temporary signs, and they are working towards or have achieved compliance. Staff will continue to address sign code violations, including campaign signs. Campaign signs located in the rights of way are removed and available for recovery at the City Municipal Building.