

# CITY OF MARATHON



## Memorandum

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**Meeting Date:** September 13, 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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The Code Department had 9 notices for the August 18, 2022 Hearing; 2 cases were continued to the September hearing, and 3 cases were withdrawn. The remaining 4 were found in violation by the Special Magistrate.

The next Code Hearing is September 15, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. Six cases are noticed for the hearing. Forty-three new code cases were opened, and 14 code cases were closed through compliance.

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| August Code Hearing – cases heard of 9 notices | 4                            |
| September Code Hearing – cases                 | 6                            |
| New Code cases                                 | 43 (18 sign code violations) |
| Cases closed                                   | 14                           |

Code complaints received: 119.

In August, staff investigated and responded to 119 code inquiries 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 – Seven companies have been licensed, and 1 company is actively applying.

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| Known PVFH Companies Operating   | 8 |
| Companies Licensed To Date       | 7 |
| Companies In Application Process | 1 |

Vacation Rental Monitoring – Vacation rental advertisement monitoring and property identification is underway. 2,875 advertisement listings have been identified. Properties have been identified with violations for operating without ever having a license, operating with expired licenses, renting over occupancy, and advertising or renting for less than 7 nights, and they are being cited.

Trash Collection Services – Since January 1, 95 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 – Eighteen 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.