

CITY OF MARATHON



Memorandum

Meeting Date: October 11, 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Code Department had 6 notices for the September 15, 2022 hearing; the September hearing was cancelled as 4 cases were withdrawn by compliance and the remaining 2 cases were continued to the October hearing.

The next Code Hearing is October 12, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL. Seventeen cases are noticed for the hearing. Twenty-eight new code cases were opened, and 17 code cases were closed.

September Code Hearing – cancelled	2 cases continued to October
October Code Hearing – cases	17
New Code cases	28
Cases closed	17

Code complaints received: 209.

In September, staff investigated and responded to 209 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). Staff responded to other general inquiries, public records requests, property lien searches, and specific code inquiries. Also, staff performed site visits to construction projects to ensure the sites were cleaned-up and secured in preparation for lan.

Highlighted Activity

Passenger Vehicles For Hire (PVFH) Licensing – Seven companies have been licensed, and 1 company has completed their application – we are awaiting payment to issue license.

Known PVFH Companies Operating	8
Companies Licensed To Date	7
Companies w/ Completed Application – Fees Due	1

Vacation Rental Monitoring – Vacation rental advertisement monitoring and property identification is underway. To date 3,001 advertisement listings have been identified, and 917 properties have been identified with corresponding advertisements. 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, 103 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.

Signage – In September, 11 entities were notified of sign code violations for their temporary signs (a total of 52 violations to date), and most are working towards or have achieved compliance. Further compliance action has been taken for those in non-compliance. In preparation for Hurricane Ian, many businesses removed their temporary signs, and candidates were cautioned to secure or remove their signs.