

CITY OF MARATHON



Memorandum

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor Luis Gonzalez and City Council Members

Through: George Garrett, City Manager

From: Ted Lozier, P.E. Code Compliance Director

Subject: Code Compliance Report

The Code Department had 10 notices for the February 2023 hearing; 2 cases were withdrawn by compliance, 4 cases were continued, and the remaining 4 cases were heard and found to be in violation.

The Code Hearing for March is scheduled for March 16, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL. Seven cases have been noticed for the hearing. Fifteen new code cases were opened, 3 citations were issued, and 10 code cases were closed.

February Code Hearing – cases noticed	10
March Code Hearing – cases noticed	7
New Code cases	15
Code Cases closed	10

Code Responses: 278

In February, staff investigated and responded to 278 code inquiries received by telephone, email, online, or in-person. Not all the complaints received 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, zoning issues, and property standards (tall grass/weeds, debris/junk, lack of maintenance).

Highlighted Activity

Trash Collection Services – Since January 1, 2022 133 locations have been identified for violations related to trash collection procedures. Staff continue informing residents and vacation rentals (agents and owners) about the proper procedures for solid waste, recycling, and yard waste pick-up.

Vacation Rental Properties – Of note is that all cases for the March hearing are for violations related to vacation rental properties. Two staff from other city departments are assisting in reviewing vacation rental properties for compliance, and we are actively seeking additional full-time staff.