

CITY OF MARATHON



Memorandum

Meeting Date: May 9, 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 April hearing; 1 case was dismissed, 2 cases were continued, and the remaining 7 cases were heard and found to be in violation.

The May Code Hearing is scheduled for May 24, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL. Eight cases will be noticed for the hearing. Forty-one code complaints were investigated, 31 new code cases were opened, and 16 code cases were closed.

April Code Hearing – cases noticed	10
May Code Hearing – cases	8
New Code cases	31
Code Cases closed	16

Code Responses: 543

In April, staff investigated and responded to 543 code follow-up actions and 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 295 locations have been identified for violations related to trash collection procedures. In April, 5 citations were issued for properties who had repeat-violations and were previously issued courtesy warnings. 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 - A new Code Compliance Officer started April 8 and another Code Compliance Officer has been hired and will start in May. The additional resources have improved the number of investigations and follow-up actions, with a priority on vacation rental compliance.