

CITY OF MARATHON



Memorandum

Meeting Date: August 8, 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

Complaint Investigations	56
New Code Cases	61
Code Cases Closed	31
July Code Hearing – cases noticed	20
August Code Hearing – cases	31
Trash Service Violations	42
Trash Violation Citations	16
Stop Work Orders Posted	9
Vacation Rental Licensing Violations	31

Fifty-six new code complaints were investigated, 61 new code cases were opened, and 31 code cases were closed.

The Code Department had 20 notices for the July hearing; 1 case was withdrawn through compliance, 13 cases were continued, and the remaining 6 cases were heard and found to be in violation. The August Code Hearing is scheduled for August 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL. Thirty-one cases will be noticed for the hearing.

Trash service citations are being issued for repeat trash service violations.

Code Responses & Permit Reviews: 980 & 99

In July, staff responded to 980 code follow-up actions and inquiries received by telephone, email, online, or in-person. Staff also conducted 95 permit reviews.

Vacation Rental Compliance: With an additional staff code officer starting and trained since April 2023, we have been able to increase the vacation rental compliance/enforcement efforts and we anticipate these additional efforts to continue. 24 vacation rental cases are noticed for the August Code Hearing.

Fees And Fines:

After the monthly Hearing, fees and fines for the code cases are invoiced, and reminder notices are delivered for past due invoices. For July:

Amount Invoiced	Amount Collected
\$1,900	\$155,276.96

Note – Amount collected includes a settlement payment on code cases from 2012 and 2017.

Code Compliance Board History / Activity:

The Code Compliance Board membership was established in July 2021.

Code Case Respondents can request that their case be heard by the Code Compliance Board rather than the Special Magistrate.

To date, 3 out of 21 Hearings had requests for the Code Compliance Board.

To date, 3 out of 150 cases had requests for the Code Board (9 additional late requests were honored and added for the July 2023 hearing due in part because the cases were related).

The July hearing did not have a quorum of the Code Compliance Board and the cases were continued to August.