



COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT

Meeting Date: December 9, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Brian Shea, Planning Director

Through: George Garrett, City Manager

Agenda Item: **Ordinance 2025-11** Of The City Of Marathon, Florida, Amending The City's Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 20, "Parks And Recreation," Section 20-2, "Rules Of Conduct And Operational Procedure For Certain Parks," Subsection (I) "Golf Balls,"; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal Of Conflicting Provisions; And Providing For An Effective Date.

BACKGROUND:

The City Parks Department would like to provide for additional uses within the existing batting cages. The cages have the necessary netting to allow for the use as a driving range. In order to allow this to occur, the City must amend the Code of Ordinances to allow golf balls within designated areas of City Parks.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

Yes	No
<u>NA</u>	<u> </u>

1. Comprehensive Plan

FISCAL NOTE:

NA

APPROVED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR:

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Ordinance 2025-11, proposed revisions to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance.

Sponsored By: Garrett
Public Hearing Dates: December 9, 2025
January 13, 2026
Enactment Date: January 13, 2026

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
ORDINANCE 2025-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA;
AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 20,
“PARKS AND RECREATION,” SECTION 20-2, “RULES OF CONDUCT
AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN PARKS,”
SUBSECTION (I) “GOLF BALLS,”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;
PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon has specific regulations that pertain to golf balls in all City Parks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon intends to allow for the use of a driving range option within the existing batting cages; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow this use, the code of ordinances must be amended; and

WHEREAS, modification of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Marathon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA THAT**

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Chapter 20, Section 20-2, is hereby amended and adopted as attached in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. Any provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marathon, Florida or Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, or phrases of this Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Marathon Code, that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions, and that the “Ordinance” shall be changed to “Section” or other appropriate word.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

**ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON,
FLORIDA, THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.**

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Lynny Del Gaizo, Mayor

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE
CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:**

Steven Williams, City Attorney

Sec 20-2 Rules Of Conduct And Operational Procedure For Certain Parks

(i) Golf balls. No person may hit or otherwise propel, place or leave golf balls in any City park, except within an area designated by the city for such purposes.