

**Sponsored By:** Willams  
**Planning Commission Public Hearing Date:** February 23, 2026  
**City Council Public Hearing Date:** March 10, 2026  
June 9, 2026  
**Enactment Date:** June 9, 2026

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
ORDINANCE 2026-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF MARATHON’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MODIFYING CHAPTER NINE, “IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW ELEMENT,” AND INTENDING TO MODIFY POLICY 9-1.2.2, “ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM AND EVALUATION,” PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AFTER THE FIRST HEARING BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, provides for comprehensive plan implementation through the enactment of certain ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon is located within an Area of Critical State Concern (ACSC), pursuant to Sections 380.05 and 380.0552, Florida Statutes, hereinafter referred to the “Keys ACSCs”; and

**WHEREAS**, Keys’ Local Governments have adopted state-mandated Comprehensive Plans and Land Development Regulations pursuant to both Chapters 163 and 380.055, Florida Statutes, which have been approved by the State, as required by law, and;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 166, *Florida Statutes*, grants the City of Marathon (the “City”) broad municipal home rule powers to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its residents, business owners and visitors by enacting regulations for the protection of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024 the legislature amended Section 20.60 of the Florida Statutes rebranding the State Land Planning Agency as the Department of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance, thus introduced, provides for the updates to the Comprehensive Plan based upon the renaming of the State Land Planning Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed this Ordinance on February 23, 2026, providing a recommendation of approval to the City Council with no proposed changes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council reviewed this Ordinance on March 10, 2026, and again on June 9,

2026 adopting the Ordinance in its second hearing and directing staff to transmit the Ordinance to the Florida Department of Commerce for final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the same legislative provision, the City Council accepted the ORC Report, considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission, accepted additional public input, and deliberated on the proposed amendment to the Land Development Regulations on June 9, 2026 at a duly noticed public hearing, and directed that the amendment be transmitted to the Florida Department of Commerce as formally adopted by the City,

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

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

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 9, is hereby amended as attached in Exhibit A.

**SECTION 3.** 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, and 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 4.** The provisions of this Ordinance constitute an amendment to the Land Development Regulations as defined by State law. Accordingly, the City shall forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Florida Department of Commerce for review and approval pursuant to Sections 380.05(6) and (11), Florida Statutes.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Florida Department of Commerce pursuant to Chapters 163 and 380, Florida Statutes.

**ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2026.**

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

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**Lynny Del Gaizo, Mayor**

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

<sup>1</sup>Additions to existing text are shown by underline/red print; deletions are shown as ~~strikethrough~~

ABSTAIN:

**ATTEST:**

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Diane Clavier, City Clerk

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

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Steven Williams, City Attorney

## Chapter 9 - Implementation And Review Element Goals, Objectives, And Policies

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### Policy 9-1.2.2 Annual Work Program And Evaluation

The City shall maintain a seven (7) year work program for implementation of the Plan. The work program shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. The City shall annually assess its progress in accomplishing the work program and adopted Plan objectives and policies. Progress or activities implementing the work program and the Plan shall be summarized and submitted to the City Council at the first City Council meeting of each September and then forwarded to ~~DEO~~[the State Land Planning Agency](#) regarding the following:

1. Land Acquisition Program;
2. Use of Transferable Density Rights and Transfer of Building Rights;
3. Redevelopment within the Mixed Use Activity Centers; and
4. Building Permit Allocation System.

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