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Introduction Date: February 23, 2026  
Public Hearing Dates: March 10, 2026  
April 14, 2026  
Enactment Date: April 14, 2026

CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
ORDINANCE 2026-15

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 102 “DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES”, ARTICLE 18 “BENEFICIAL USE DETERMINATIONS”, SECTION 102.104 “FINAL DETERMINATION BY COUNCIL”, AMENDING FIGURE 102.104.1 “BENEFICIAL USE DETERMINATIONS PROCESS”; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CODE PROVISIONS AND ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council (the “Council”) enacted its Comprehensive Plan on July 5, 2005, and its Land Development Regulations (LDRs) on November 7, 2007; and

**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**, it is the desire of the City of Marathon City Council to amend its current LDRs to reflect the change from DEO and DCA to Florida Commerce by simplifying to the statutory definition of “State Land Planning Agency”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 163.3174 and 166.041, *Florida Statutes*, and Section 102, Article 7 of the Marathon Code, the City’s Planning Commission sitting as the Local Planning Agency on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 publicly considered the amendments to Land Development Regulations set forth in this Ordinance (the “Amendment”) at a properly noticed public hearing and recommended to the City Council the adoption of the Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council publicly considered the amendments to Land Development Regulations set forth in this Ordinance (the “Amendment”) at a properly noticed public hearing and finds the adoption of the Amendment, in the form attached hereto, is in the best interest of the City and complies with applicable State laws and rules

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of this Ordinance.

**Section 2. Code Amendment.** The Code of the City of Marathon, Florida is hereby amended as Exhibit A attached.

**Section 3. Conflict.** The Provisions of the Code of Ordinances, City of Marathon, Florida and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any sentence, section, 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 sentences, sections, clauses or phrases of the 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. Inclusion in the Code of Ordinances.** It is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the City of Marathon Code of Ordinances, that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions; and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “Section” or other appropriate word.

**Section 6. Land Development Regulations.** The provisions of this Ordinance constitute a “land development regulation” as state law defines that term. Accordingly, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the State Department of Commerce for approval pursuant to Sections 380.05(6) and (11), Florida Statutes.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval by the State Department of Commerce pursuant to Chapter 380, Florida Statutes.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026.**

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

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**Lynny Del Gaizo, Mayor**

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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**ATTEST:**

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Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

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

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Steven Williams, City Attorney

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Sec 102.104 Final Determination By Council

The Council is the only entity which has final authority to grant or deny beneficial uses subject to appeal by ~~DEO~~the State Land Planning Agency under Chapter 380. In approving, denying or modifying an order from a Hearing Officer granting or denying an applicant beneficial use, the Council will ensure that the Hearing Officer has conducted the evidentiary hearing in a manner that is consistent with this article and the Comprehensive Plan. The Council will approve or reject the Hearing Officer's determination during a public hearing. The public shall be given the opportunity to be heard and make arguments for or against the determination during the Council's public hearing.

Figure 102.104.1 Beneficial Use Determinations Process



