

# CITY OF MARATHON



## Memorandum

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**Meeting Date:** July 12, 2022

**To:** Honorable Mayor John Bartus and City Council Members

**Through:** George Garrett, City Manager

**From:** Ted Lozier, Code Compliance Director

**Subject:** Code Compliance Report

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The Code Department had 11 notices for the June 16, 2022 Hearing; 8 cases were granted time extensions prior to the hearing, and one was continued to the July hearing. The remaining two were found in violation by the Special Magistrate.

The next Code Hearing is July 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Marathon City Hall Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon FL. Twelve cases are noticed for the hearing. Twenty-three new code cases were opened, and 9 code cases were closed through compliance.

June Code Hearing – cases heard	3 (8 - time extensions granted)
July Code Hearing – cases	12
New cases opened	23
Cases closed	9

Code complaints received: 81.

In June, staff investigated and responded to 81 code complaints received by telephone, email, online, or in-person. Not all complaints resulted in open cases as they were either resolved, unfounded, civil in nature, or subsequent complaints on an existing code case. Most of the cases and complaints were related to construction activities without proper permits, operating vacation rentals without licenses, and property standards (tall grass/weeds, debris/junk, lack of maintenance). And, staff has responded to general inquiries, public records requests, property lien searches, and specific code inquiries.

## **Highlighted Activity**

Passenger Vehicles For Hire (PVFH) Licensing – One company closed, one company was determined to be a contract shuttle service (no PVFH License required), 3 companies have been licensed, 3 companies are actively applying, and 2 other companies are noticed for hearing.

Known PVFH Companies Operating	8
Companies Licensed To Date	3
Companies In Application Process	3
Companies Noticed for Hearing	2

Vacation Rental Monitoring Systems – The vacation rental monitoring system has been initiated; vacation rental property identification is underway. As properties are accurately identified, a comparison of licensed properties with all advertised properties will indicate potential violations.

Trash Collection Services – Since January 1, 78 locations received warnings about their trash cans that did not meet proper procedures. Staff continue informing residents and vacation rentals (agents and owners) about the proper procedures for solid waste, recycling, and yard waste pick-up. As complaints are received and/or inspections are completed, further code compliance actions are taken including violation notices and citations.

Signage – With primary and general elections coming, the department is communicating with candidates' offices regarding placement of campaign signs, and we are coordinating with FDOT for signs located along Overseas Highway. Several campaign signs have been pulled, and they are stored and available for the candidates to reclaim them. An inventory of other temporary sign issues is being developed and sign/property owners will be contacted starting in July.