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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2026-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT REVISING THE RATES FOR THE VACATION RENTAL FEE SCHEDULE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 8-12 (c)(4) of the Code of Ordinances states that the City Council shall create and may amend the fee schedule for vacation rental property licenses and vacation rental agent licenses by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has instructed the City staff to review the fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City must now employ additional staff to cover the population of vacation renters within the City, which now includes 10% of the budgets of Fire EMS and Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the City continuously incurs the costs of dedicated staff for the review and processing of applications, scheduling of inspections, internet search for illegal advertisements and follow up of compliance with the Vacation Rental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the attached fees and rates were developed after much consideration, factual analysis of the increased costs and consultation with the City Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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. The City Council hereby approves the fees for the issuance and renewal of vacation rental licenses and annual agent licenses attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. The fees and rates for the issuance and renewal of vacation rental license and agent fees will be reviewed annually and any amendments will be brought before the City Council.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA


Lynny Del Gaizo, Mayor

AYES: Struyf, Matlock, Still, Landry, Del Gaizo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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:


Steve Williams, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

City of Marathon Vacation Rental License Fees Adjusted fees are as follows:

New Vacation Rental Property License Fees: Includes new and upon transfer of ownership/delinquent/expired

Includes one (1) Fire-inspection;
*Fire fees are based on occupancy

1 Bedroom*	\$1,200.00
2 Bedrooms*	\$1,300.00
3 Bedrooms*	\$1,400.00
4 Bedrooms*	\$1,600.00
5 Bedrooms*	\$1,700.00
6 Bedrooms*	\$1,800.00
7 Bedrooms*	\$1,900.00
8 Bedrooms*	\$2,000.00
9 Bedrooms*	\$2,100.00
10 Bedrooms* (+)*	\$2,200.00
*plus an additional	\$200.00 for each additional bedroom.

Annual Vacation Rental Property Renewal Fees

Includes one (1) Fire-inspection;
*Fire fees are based on occupancy

1 Bedroom*	\$850.00
2 Bedrooms*	\$950.00
3 Bedrooms*	\$1,050.00
4 Bedrooms*	\$1,250.00
5 Bedrooms*	\$1,350.00
6 Bedrooms*	\$1,450.00
7 Bedrooms*	\$1,550.00
8 Bedrooms*	\$1,650.00
9 Bedrooms*	\$1,750.00
10 Bedrooms* (+)*	\$1,850.00
*plus an additional	\$200.00 for each additional bedroom.

Fire re-inspection: Each occurrence upon failure of included inspection \$150.00

Transfer of Agent Fee: \$75.00

Voluntarily Inactive Vacation Rental Property License Fee (during an expired, pending, or open permit): \$25.00/month

Vacation Rental Agent License Fee

Must be obtained or renewed before any inspections are done. Paid with completion of vacation rental course. Agent fees are due annually.

Vacation Rental Agent License Fee

\$500.00

As authorized by Section 215.322(5), Florida Statutes, a convenience fee for transactions for any fees listed herein paid by approved credit cards or bank debit cards shall be charged in an amount of two and fifteen hundredths percent (2.15%) of the fees and related charges being paid.

The convenience fee must be disclosed prior to the completion of the transaction, so that the cardholder may decide whether to cancel the transaction or pay by another method.

In the event of a refund or reconciliation of payment made by the cardholder, the convenience fee is not included in any refund.