

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2003-85**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE CITY OF MARATHON AND MONROE COUNTY REVIEW THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE RATE OF GROWTH ORDINANCE (ROGO) ALLOCATIONS AVAILABLE TO THE CITY OF MARATHON AS REQUIRED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon makes up approximately 14% of the Monroe County population; and

WHEREAS, the current US Census Bureau population projections show that Monroe County's population has decreased since the 2000 census; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the population of Monroe County will continue to slowly decline; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County *2010 Comprehensive Plan* and the City of Marathon *Transitional Comprehensive Plan* encourage infill development in areas that will not impact the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County's current policies for residential development is to direct development away from environmentally sensitive areas, thereby decreasing the available areas for development within the unincorporated portions of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon receives only 24 of the 151 total County ROGO allocations available each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon has an adequate inventory of vacant residential lots that would encourage infill development in areas that will not impact the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, a recent existing conditions and market study for the City of Marathon by Lambert Advisory, LLC indicates that an additional 2,250 homes (1,500 middle income units and 750 high income units) will be needed in Marathon over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, economic studies performed by both Monroe County and the City of Marathon indicate that Marathon is the commercial center of the Middle Keys and portions of the Upper and Lower Keys, thereby creating a greater demand for commercial and residential development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, that:

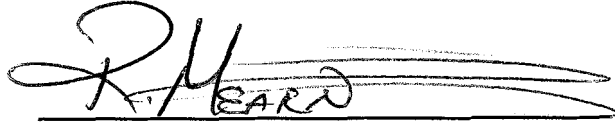
Section 1. The City Council directs City Staff to review the distribution of the annual ROGO allocations with Monroe County and the Department of Community Affairs.

Section 2. The City Council respectfully requests an increase in the City's annual ROGO allocations that reflects Marathon's percentage of the County's population and Marathon's available inventory of residential lots in areas that are not environmentally sensitive.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the city of Marathon, Florida, this 10th day of June, 2003.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

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Randy Mearns, Mayor

AYES: Bartus, Pinkus, Repetto, Worthington, Mearns
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

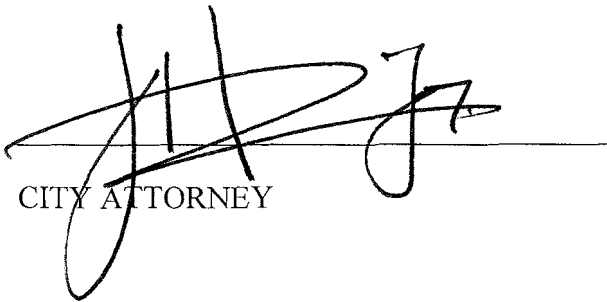
ATTEST:

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Cindy L. Becklund
City Clerk

(City Seal)

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

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CITY ATTORNEY