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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2003-086**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MARATHON, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REVIEW AND RE-EVALUATE THE  
HURRICANE EVACUATION MODEL FOR THE CITY OF  
MARATHON**

**WHEREAS**, the number Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO) allocations for the City of Marathon is determined largely in part by hurricane evacuation; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Hurricane Center and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has increased the early warning for transient unit and mobile home evacuations from three days to five days prior to a storm event; and

**WHEREAS**, during the days prior to Hurricane Andrew the transient units in Monroe County had an occupancy rate of approximately 45 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the hurricane evacuation model was predicated upon a 70 percent transient unit occupancy rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Building Code requires all structures to be designed to withstand 150 mph or greater winds, thus reducing the need for full evacuation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has documented through an economic analysis that, "The City's strongest increase in population has been from the 45 to 64 age cohort, largely driven by a younger second-home and retiree market." The "disproportionate growth" between 1990 and 2000 of 28 to 33 percent of the population in this age group indicates that "... Marathon continues to be a highly desirable market for younger second home and/or retiree buyers ..."<sup>1</sup> This trend will obviously result in fewer full time residents subject to hurricane evacuation.

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

**Section 1.** The City Council respectfully requests that the Department of Community Affairs review the latest methodology and technological advances related

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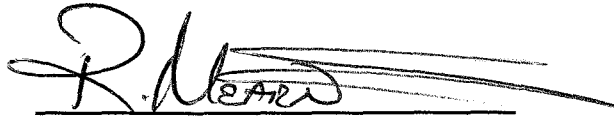
<sup>1</sup> Lambert Advisory, (DRAFT) "The City of Marathon Existing Conditions and Market Assessment", 2003, pp 1,14

to hurricane evacuation; consider the proven socio-economic trend toward "second-home buyers" and the resulting reduction of permanent full-time residences impacting hurricane evacuation; and run the hurricane evacuation model to reflect these changes to develop a more accurate evacuation time for the City of Marathon.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the city of Marathon, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

  
Randy Mearns, Mayor


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

**ATTEST:**

  
Cindy L. Ecklund  
City Clerk

(City Seal)

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

  
CITY ATTORNEY