

Planning Commission Public Hearing Dates: October 16, 2006

City Council Public Hearing Dates: October 24, 2006

November 14, 2006

Enactment Date: November 14, 2006

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
ORDINANCE 2006-31**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 9.5-4(R-17) (DEFINITION OF "ROOM, HOTEL OR MOTEL") OF THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon desires to encourage development and redevelopment of hotels and motels in the City to attract tourism and enhance the economy of the City for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the trend in the leisure and hospitality industry is for larger hotel and motel rooms or suites to accommodate families for longer stays; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concludes that the best direction for redevelopment and enhancement of the City's tourist base is as a family attraction area; and

WHEREAS, to attract family visitors, accommodations must be available that meet the special needs of families and offer affordable vacation options; and

WHEREAS, the current definition of hotel and motel room in the City Code is too restrictive to allow renovations of hotels and motels that would meet the current trends in the leisure and hospitality industry and provide suitable accommodations to attract families to the City for longer stays; and

WHEREAS, providing such flexibility in the City's regulations for hotel and motel owners and developers will attract families for longer stays, will provide an economic boost to other businesses in the City that are dependent, in whole or in part, on the tourist trade, including retail shops, specialty and souvenir shops, restaurants, charter and dive boats, bait and tackle shops, and the many other businesses in the City that serve the needs of visitors, and will enhance the City's tourist industry and economy; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, sitting in its capacity as the Local Planning Agency, has reviewed this Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 9.5 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that enactment of this Ordinance will protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Marathon, and further the purposes, goals, objectives and policies of the City's Transitional Comprehensive Plan and the Principles for Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. Section 9.5-4-(17) of the Land Development Regulations is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9.5-4. Definitions.

(R-17) *Room, hotel or motel*, means a unit in a public lodging establishment as defined by Florida Statutes section 509.013(4)(a) intended for transient lodging only for periods not exceeding thirty (30) days. Transient occupancy shall conform to the definition contained in Florida Statutes section 509.013(8) as to transient occupancy. For the purposes of density restriction under this chapter:

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the developer of a hotel or motel containing less than twelve (12) units may convert existing, lawfully established accessory floor area in the hotel or motel to a second bedroom or third bedroom, as the case may be, to an adjacent existing hotel or motel unit without triggering the requirements of this Section 9.5-4(R-17)(d) and (e); provided, however, that the additional floor area hereunder shall not exceed four hundred twenty five (425) square feet per unit or eight hundred fifty (850) square feet in the aggregate per property.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause of 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 sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 4. The provisions of the City Code and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

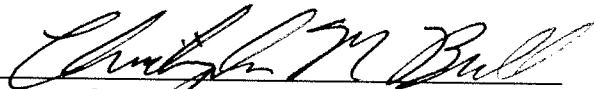
Section 5. It is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Marathon, Florida, that the sections of the Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish to such intentions, and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 6. The provisions of this Ordinance constitute a "LAND development regulation" as State law defines that term. Accordingly, the City Clerk is authorized to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the State Department of Community Affairs for approval pursuant to Sections 380.05(6) and (11), Florida Statutes.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval by the State Department of Community Affairs pursuant to Chapter 380, Florida Statutes.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, this 14th day of November, 2006.

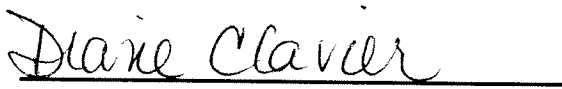
THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Christopher M. Bull, Mayor

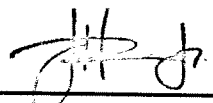
AYES: Mearns, Tempest, Worthington, Bull
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Pinkus

ATTEST:



Diane Clavier
City Clerk

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



City Attorney

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

BY: _____

In re: CITY OF MARATHON LAND
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2006-31

FINAL ORDER

The Department of Community Affairs (the "Department") hereby issues its Final Order, pursuant to §§ 380.05(6), *Fla. Stat.*, and § 380.0552(9), *Fla. Stat.* (2006), approving a land development regulation adopted by a local government within the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern as set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Florida Keys Area is a statutorily designated area of critical state concern, and the City of Marathon is a local government within the Florida Keys Area.
2. On November 27, 2006, the Department received for review City of Marathon Ordinance No. 2006-31 that was adopted by the City of Marathon Board of City Commissioners on November 14, 2006 ("Ord. 2006-31"). Ord. 2006-31 amends the definition of the motel/hotel room by adding subsection (f) that states "notwithstanding the foregoing, the developer of a hotel or motel containing less than twelve (12) units may convert existing, lawfully established accessory floor area in the hotel or motel to a second bedroom or third bedroom, as the case may be, to an adjacent existing hotel or motel unit without triggering the requirements of this Section 9.5-4(R-17)(d) and (e); provided, however, that the additional floor area hereunder shall not exceed four hundred twenty-five (425) square feet per unit or eight hundred fifty (850) square feet in the aggregate per property." The anticipated result will be additional flexibility for older, smaller (less than 12 units) motels to convert a limited amount of existing accessory floor area into additional room area.
3. Ord. 2006-31 is consistent with the City's 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Department is required to approve or reject land development regulations that are enacted, amended or rescinded by any local government in the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern. §§ 380.05(6), *Fla. Stat.*, and § 380.0552(9), *Fla. Stat.* (2006).

5. The City of Marathon is a local government within the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern. § 380.0552, *Fla. Stat.* (2006) and Rule 31-31.002 (superseding Chapter 27F-8), *Fla. Admin. Code*.

6. “Land development regulations” include local zoning, subdivision, building and other regulations controlling the development of land. § 380.031(8), *Fla. Stat.* (2006). The regulations adopted by Ord. 2006-31 are land development regulations.

7. All land development regulations enacted, amended or rescinded within an area of critical state concern must be consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development (the “Principles”) as set forth in § 380.0552(7), *Fla. Stat.* See *Rathkamp v. Department of Community Affairs*, 21 F.A.L.R. 1902 (Dec. 4, 1998), *aff’d*, 740 So. 2d 1209 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999). The Principles are construed as a whole and no specific provision is construed or applied in isolation from the other provisions.

8. Ord. 2006-31 promotes and furthers the following Principles:

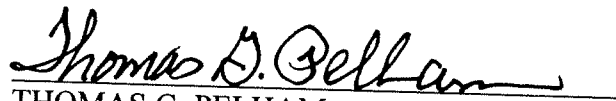
- (a) To strengthen local government capabilities for managing land use and development so that local government is able to achieve these objectives without the continuation of the area of critical state concern designation.
- (d) To ensure the maximum well-being of the Florida Keys through sound economic development.

9. Ord. 2006-31 is not inconsistent with the remaining Principles. Ord. 2006-31 is consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development as a whole.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Ord. 2006-31 is found to be consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development of the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern, and is hereby APPROVED.

This Order becomes effective 21 days after publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly unless a petition is filed as described below.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Florida.



THOMAS G. PELHAM

Secretary

Department of Community Affairs

2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS

ANY PERSON WHOSE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.569, FLORIDA STATUTES, REGARDING THE AGENCY'S ACTION. DEPENDING UPON WHETHER YOU ALLEGE ANY DISPUTED ISSUE OF MATERIAL FACT IN YOUR PETITION REQUESTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO EITHER AN INFORMAL PROCEEDING OR A FORMAL HEARING.

IF YOUR PETITION FOR HEARING DOES NOT ALLEGE ANY DISPUTED ISSUE OF MATERIAL FACT CONTAINED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION, THEN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING WILL BE AN INFORMAL ONE, CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(2) FLORIDA STATUTES, AND CHAPTER 31-106, PARTS I AND III, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. IN AN INFORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, YOU MAY BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL OR BY A QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE, AND YOU MAY PRESENT WRITTEN OR ORAL EVIDENCE IN OPPOSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION OR REFUSAL TO ACT; OR YOU MAY EXERCISE THE OPTION TO PRESENT A WRITTEN STATEMENT CHALLENGING THE GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS CHOSEN TO JUSTIFY ITS ACTION OR INACTION.

IF YOU DISPUTE ANY ISSUE OF MATERIAL FACT STATED IN THE AGENCY ACTION, THEN YOU MAY FILE A PETITION REQUESTING A FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND CHAPTER 31-106, PARTS I AND II, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. AT A FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING, YOU MAY BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL OR OTHER QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE, AND YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENT ON

ALL THE ISSUES INVOLVED, TO CONDUCT CROSS-EXAMINATION AND SUBMIT REBUTTAL EVIDENCE, TO SUBMIT PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDERS, AND TO FILE EXCEPTIONS TO ANY RECOMMENDED ORDER.

IF YOU DESIRE EITHER AN INFORMAL PROCEEDING OR A FORMAL HEARING, YOU MUST FILE WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS A WRITTEN PLEADING ENTITLED, "PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS" WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. A PETITION IS FILED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY CLERK, IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, 2555 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-2100.

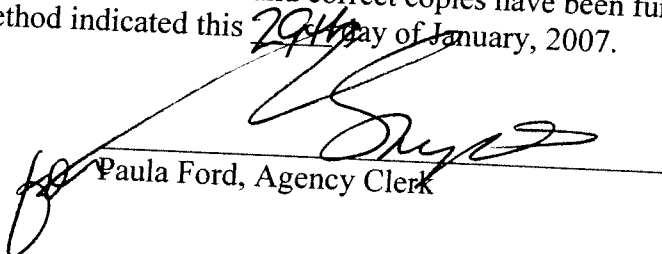
THE PETITION MUST MEET THE FILING REQUIREMENTS IN RULE 31-106.104(2), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. IF AN INFORMAL PROCEEDING IS REQUESTED, THEN THE PETITION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 31-106.301, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. IF A FORMAL HEARING IS REQUESTED, THEN THE PETITION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 31-106.201(2), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

A PERSON WHO HAS FILED A PETITION MAY REQUEST MEDIATION. A REQUEST FOR MEDIATION MUST INCLUDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULE 31-106.402, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. CHOOSING MEDIATION DOES NOT AFFECT THE RIGHT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING.

YOU WAIVE THE RIGHT TO AN INFORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING OR A FORMAL HEARING IF YOU DO NOT FILE A PETITION WITH THE AGENCY CLERK WITHIN 21 DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS FINAL ORDER.

CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order has been filed with the undersigned designated Agency Clerk, and that true and correct copies have been furnished to the persons listed below by the method indicated this 29th day of January, 2007.


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