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Monthly Staff Report

Department: Code Enforcement

Reporting Period: March 2026

Code Enforcement Activity

During the reporting period, Code Enforcement staff continued enforcement, inspection, and compliance activities throughout the City.

- **Total Open Cases at Month End:** 104
- **New Cases Opened:** 9
- **Cases Closed:** 26
- **Court Cases:** 9

Enforcement actions taken during the month included:

- **Courtesy Notices Issued:** 18
- **Notices of Compliance Issued:** 5
- **Notices of Continuance:** 2
- **Notices of Violation / Notices of Hearing (NOV/NOH):** 4
- **A.N.C. Notices:** —
- **Findings of Fact Issued:** 4
- **Orders Imposing Liens:** 2
- **Notices of Hearing Changes:** 5

Additional enforcement and administrative actions:

- **Properties Posted (Legal Information Posting):** 1
- **Lien Searches Conducted:** 2

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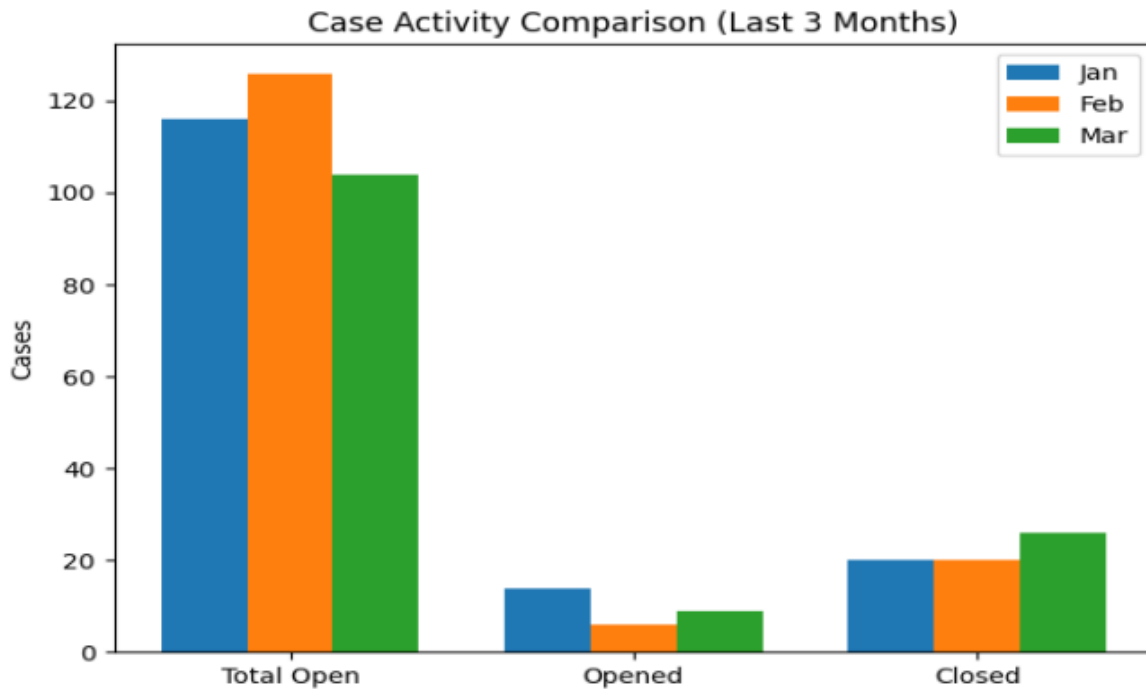
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- **Liens Recorded: 3**
- **Liens Released: 1**
- **Paid Liens: 0**

Staff continued to emphasize voluntary compliance while pursuing formal enforcement where necessary.

Case Activity Comparison (3 Months)



Inspections & Enforcement Activity

Inspection activity remained steady during the reporting period.

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- **Total Site Inspections Conducted: 168**

Inspections included follow-up inspections on open cases, complaint-based inspections, and proactive enforcement activities, as well as site walk-throughs with property owners.

Violation Breakdown – Total Open Violations

The following breakdown reflects the current distribution of all open code enforcement violations citywide, not solely those initiated during the reporting period.

- **Public Nuisance: 67**
(Includes inoperable vehicles, parking or storage of accessory or commercial vehicles, junk and debris, accumulation of rubbish, noise disturbances, and related nuisance conditions.)
- **Florida Building Code Violations: 13**
- **Zoning Violations (Single-Family / RNU / Use Issues): 10**
- **Unsafe Structures: 7**

All remaining violation categories, including permitting, operational standards, licensing, tree protection, right-of-way use, and miscellaneous code provisions, collectively account for **97 open violations** and are grouped as **Other**.

- **Total Open Violations: 194**

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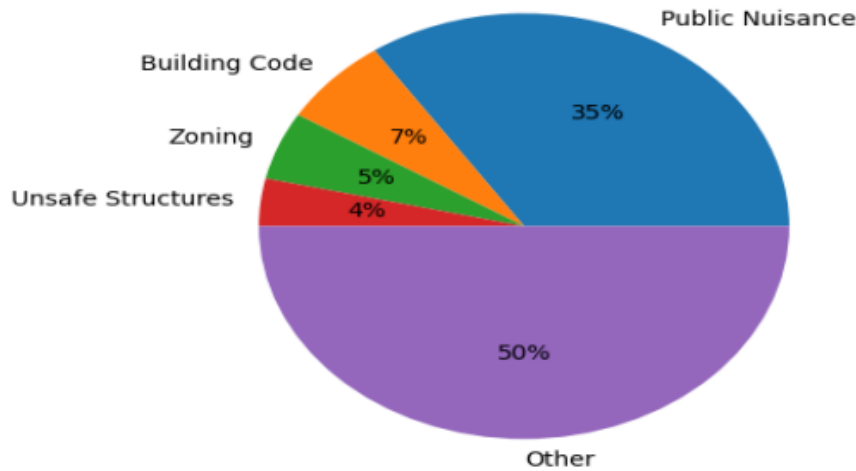
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Total Open Violations by Type



Reporting Methodology Update

To provide more accurate reporting and improve tracking of enforcement activity, violations are now counted individually rather than by property. As a result, properties with multiple violations are reflected separately for each violation. This updated methodology may cause numerical differences when compared to prior reporting periods.

City Dock Activity

Dock operations continued during the reporting period.

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- Total Reservations: 18
- Total Revenue Collected: \$1,174.00

Revenue reflects monies deposited during the reporting period.

Safety & Emergency Management

Safety and emergency preparedness efforts continued during the reporting period. A safety meeting was conducted, and coordination efforts are ongoing with T-Mobile, Streamline, Emergency Management, Hendry EMS, and the Hendry County Sheriff’s Office to support ongoing communication, planning, and response capabilities.

Summary

Overall enforcement activity increased during the reporting period, with a notable number of cases brought into compliance and closed. Staff continue to manage an active caseload while prioritizing compliance, public safety, and timely resolution of violations. Open cases and violations are actively monitored, with follow-up and escalation occurring as warranted.