

STAFF REPORT WORKSHOP

AGENDA DATE: May 7, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Discussion of Code Compliance processes in Lake Worth Beach

SUMMARY:

Workshop to discuss code compliance and enforcement actions within the City.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The purpose of this workshop is to address concerns raised by the commission, business owners and residents regarding code enforcement within the City. Code compliance staff will provide an overview of procedures, commonly issued violations, and recommended adjustments to codes and policies aimed at reducing punitive measures while fostering a more business friendly approach.

The code compliance process is often complex and at times does not produce the anticipated or desired outcomes. Public understanding of the process can be limited, with expectations occasionally exceeding the legal authority established under Florida Statutes 162 and the City's Code of Ordinances. Florida Statutes prohibits the acceptance of anonymous complaints except in cases involving immediate threats to life and safety.

With a mutual understanding of the Code Compliance process, direction is sought regarding priorities and policy direction for code compliance and identifying any changes that are needed within the City's Code of Ordinances to achieve Commission direction.

MOTION:

Provide direction on policies and priorities for the City's code compliance activities and changes to the City's Code of Ordinances.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Presentation
F.S. Chapter 162