



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Commission

FROM: Robin I. Gomez, City Manager

DATE: July 23, 2025

RE: Code Enforcement – abandoned/derelict boats and
abandoned/unmaintained pools

Background

Our PCSO Community Policing Deputies respond/review/take action on code enforcement activities such as abandoned/unmaintained pools. The PCSO Marine Unit responds/reviews/takes action on any abandoned/derelict vessel (boats).

Discussion

Enclosed is a presentation previously provided by the PCSO regarding abandoned, derelict, at-risk, etc., vessels and some of the statutes, processes, and over-all guidance.

2022-2023 – PCSO and contractor(s) removed 20+ derelict/abandoned vessels off Boca Ciega Bay/Hurricane Hole and areas just outside City limits.

Processes currently continue although a recently adopted Florida law now restricts random vessel checks forcing deputies to have reasonable suspicion versus previously just performing a random safety check.

PCSO community policing deputies continue to contact property owners where pools appear to be unmaintained and/or abandoned as well as high grass/weeds, debris, and other non-building related code issues. This will continue throughout the summer including distributing the mosquito flyers to help address/combat the presence and proliferation of mosquitoes.