



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Ordinance 23-8 (Commission)

**DESCRIPTION:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 3.02, ENTITLED "QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTIONS AND TERMS;" AMENDING SECTION 3.10, ENTITLED "VACANCIES, FORFEITURES OF OFFICE, FILLING OF VACANCIES;" AMENDING ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "FINANCIAL PROCEDURES," AMENDING SECTION 5.02, ENTITLED "SUBMISSION OF BUDGET AND MESSAGE," AND AMENDING SECTION 5.13, ENTITLED "REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC BIDDING;" PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY WITH FLORIDA LAW RELATED TO THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE OWNED OR DESIGNATED BY BROWARD COUNTY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Manager requests Commission approval of Ordinance 23-8, to referendum proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Cooper City providing for consistency with Florida Law related to the Publication of Legal Notices under Special Conditions on a Publicly Accessible Website owned or designated by Broward County.

**BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

During the 2022 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature enacted House Bill 7049, which created section 50.0611, Florida Statutes. Effective January 1, 2023, Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, authorizes local governmental agencies to publish legal notices under specified conditions on a publicly accessible website, owned or designated by Broward County, instead of in a print newspaper.

This ordinance is referenced to be included on the November 5, 2024 General Election Ballot. The Commission could potentially place this item on the March 19, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary/Municipal Primary Election Ballot or the August 20, 2024 Primary Election Ballot.

**ANALYSIS:**

If adopted, Ordinance 23-8 will amend Section 3.02, “Qualifications, Elections, and Terms”; Section 3.10, “Vacancies, forfeitures of office, filling vacancies, Section 5.02, “Submission of Budget and Message,” and Section 5.13, “Requirements for Public Bidding” of the City Charter and the following Referendum Question will be placed on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot:

*Shall the Cooper City Charter be amended to authorize the City to publish certain required legal notices on a publicly accessible website, owned or designated by Broward County, as an alternative to publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, as permitted by Florida Law?*

*This proposed Charter Amendment is estimated to have a net positive impact on the City budget by eliminating the need for newspaper publications.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Please note if the Commission desires to put this referendum question on the March 19, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary/Municipal Primary Election Ballot or the August 20, 2024 Primary Election Ballot, that cost would be in addition to the cost for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Requested Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>
001-120-531190-510	\$20,000	\$17,430	\$2,570

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not adopt Ordinance 23-8; continue to advertise in the newspaper.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 23-8
2. Section 50.0311 F.S
3. Supervisor of Election Cost Estimate