



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Ordinance 26-08 (Administration)

**DATE:** June 23, 2026

**DESCRIPTION:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 3.10, ENTITLED "VACANCIES, FORFEITURES OF OFFICE, FILLING OF VACANCIES;" PROVIDING FOR COORDINATION WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE CITY COMMISSION; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 26-08, ADOPTED MAY 26, 2026; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Commission consideration of Ordinance 26-08 on First Reading, submitting the proposed Charter Amendment to the qualified electors of Cooper City at the November 3, 2026 General Election.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 26, 2026, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 26-08, which submitted a proposed Charter amendment establishing a process for filling Commission vacancies, including appointments until the next general municipal election.

On June 9, 2026, the City Commission decided to reconsider the previously adopted ordinance and to consider an alternate Charter Amendment proposal. The alternate proposal provides that when a vacancy occurs, if more than 180 days remain in the unexpired term and no regular City election is scheduled within 180 days, the Commission shall schedule a special election to be held within 60 days of the vacancy, or as soon as practicable, as may be mandated by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.

The proposed ordinance also repeals the prior Ordinance No. 26-08, adopted on May 26, 2026, and places the revised Charter amendment question on the ballot for the November 3, 2026, General Election for consideration by the qualified electors of Cooper City.

**ANALYSIS:**

Ordinance No. 26-08 proposes amending Section 3.10 of the City Charter to clarify the process for filling City Commission vacancies based on the time remaining in the unexpired term and the timing of the next regular City election.

Under the proposed amendment:

If there are 180 days or fewer remaining in the unexpired term, or fewer than 180 days before the next regular City election, the City Commission may select a qualified successor by a majority vote of the remaining members to serve until a new Commissioner is elected.

If more than 180 days remain in the unexpired term and no regular City election is scheduled within 180 days, the City Commission must schedule a special election to be held within 60 days of the vacancy, or as soon as practicable, as may be required by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.

The person elected to fill the vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the designated term of the Commissioner who vacated the seat.

If the Commission's membership falls below a quorum, the remaining members may fill vacancies by appointment or special election, as applicable under the proposed Charter language.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 26-08