

Section 3.01. City commission, powers and composition.

(1) There shall be a city commission, with all the legislative powers of the city vested therein, consisting of five (5) members who shall be electors of the city, one (1) of whom shall be the Mayor. Commencing at the election in November 2024, candidates shall qualify and run at large for the offices of Mayor, Commissioner 3 and Commissioner 4. Commencing at the election in November 2026, candidates shall qualify and run at large for the offices of Commissioner 1 and Commissioner 2. All members of the city commission shall be elected, at large, by the electors of the city. Candidates shall identify the position on the commission that they are seeking to fill at the time of qualification.

(2) The mayor and each commissioner shall be residents of the city and shall have resided continuously in the city for one (1) year prior to qualifying as a candidate, as provided in Section 3.02(1), below.

Section 3.02. Qualifications, elections and terms.

(1) Qualifications of the commissioners. Any citizen who is a registered elector and whose principal place of residence is within the corporate limits of Cooper City, and who has resided continuously in the city for one (1) year prior to qualifying as a candidate for the office shall be eligible to hold the office of mayor or commissioner. When any member of the commission ceases to possess the foregoing qualifications as specified in this Section and/or Section 3.01, that member shall immediately forfeit the office, shall be removed from the commission and shall be replaced according to the procedures concerning vacancies found in Section 3.10 of this Article.

The commission shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members and of the grounds for forfeiture of office. A member charged with conduct constituting grounds for forfeiture of office shall be entitled to a public hearing on demand, and notice of such hearing shall be published in one or more newspaper of general circulation in the city and posted to the City's website and at City Hall, at least one week in advance of the hearing.

(2) Election and terms of office. The mayor and all commissioners shall be elected to a term of four (4) years. Such election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of any even number calendar year in accordance with ch. 2004-443 and 2005-318, Laws of Florida, as amended.

(3) Term Limitations. The mayor and commissioners are limited to serving three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms. In no event may a person serve as mayor and/or commissioner for more than three (3) terms cumulatively without relinquishing either office for a period of one (1) full term -- four (4) years. In the event that a person is appointed or elected to complete, in whole or in part, a remaining portion of an incomplete term of office of mayor or commissioner in order to fill a vacancy created by the resignation, suspension, removal, forfeiture of office or death of the previous office-holder, the time served in office by the person so appointed or

elected to fill the vacancy in office, pursuant to Section [3.10](#) of this Article, shall not be counted towards the term limitations provided by this paragraph (3).

Section 3.07. Filing fees and notice of candidacy.

Any candidate seeking election as commissioner shall file with the city clerk a written notice of candidacy, stating the designated number of the commission seat to which they seek to be elected, and a statement that the candidate will serve if elected. The filing of such notice shall be done pursuant to the same timeframes as candidates who qualify for county offices as provided in Section 99.061(2), Florida Statutes. At the time of filing such notice, the candidate shall pay a non-refundable filing fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Candidates shall also be required to pay the state election assessment as required by section 99.093, Florida Statutes.