



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: Resolution 23-7 (BSO)

DESCRIPTION: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS FOR THE COOPER CITY POLICE CRIME WATCH, INC. ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim City Manager recommends approval of Resolution 23-7 approving and authorizing the proper City Officials to execute and file the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the Cooper City Police Crime Watch, Inc.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The City of Cooper City's Police Department established a crime watch fund back on January 1, 1981 (Cooper City Police Crime Watch). Since its inception, the fund has been used to support crime prevention and community involvement initiatives throughout the City. When CCPD merged with the BSO in 2004, the fund continued to be used in accordance with its original purpose. The primary funding source to resupply the account has been Law Enforcement Trust Funds (LETF).

ANALYSIS:

Currently, the City's EIN is utilized for the Cooper City Police Crime Watch Fund. Staff recommends forming a Florida non-profit specifically for this initiative. This would allow staff to apply for grant opportunities without tying up the City's EIN. Simultaneously, this would help the City to conserve its LETF, while providing the Law Enforcement Team a mechanism to formalize a sponsorship program.

Staff recommends that the Crime Watch non-profit be overseen by a board that comprises the City's Chief Law Enforcement Officer, the representative of the Law Enforcement Community Involvement Team, and the City Manager or designee.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The City Strategic Plan names "Financially Sustaining Someplace Special" as a primary goal, along with "Proactive Public Safety". The approval of this item helps the public safety team leverage grant opportunities to meet both important goals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to file the non-profit and receive copies of the documents is \$87.50. The item request should not exceed \$200. There will be an annual recurring cost to file the required annual report (>\$100). This initial filing and the future annual reports are recommended to be paid directly from the Crime Watch Fund; hence, there is no immediate fiscal impact on the City.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 23-7 – Cooper City Police Crime Watch, Inc.
2. By-Laws – Cooper City Police Crime Watch, Inc.
3. Articles of Incorporation – Cooper City Crime Watch, Inc.