



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: **Ordinance 24-11 – (Community Development/BSO Code Enforcement)**

DATE: May 28, 2024

DESCRIPTION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES,” BY AMENDING SECTION 17-18 ENTITLED “PROHIBITED STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS,” TO PROHIBIT VEHICLES FROM BLOCKING TRAFFIC DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND TO REQUIRE VEHICLES PARKING ALONG ROADWAYS TO FACE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC; AMENDING SECTION 17-19 ENTITLED “PARKING PROHIBITED OVER CATCH BASINS,” TO PROHIBIT PARKING, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS,” TO PROHIBIT PARKING WITHIN RIGHTS OF WAYS AND SWALES, AND TO PROHIBIT TRAILERS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES FROM PARKING ON ROADWAYS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager requests approval of Ordinance 24-11 on 2nd reading, amending Chapter 17, Sec. 17-18 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, clarifying the City’s parking restrictions, the enforceability of commercial vehicle restrictions, and that parking enforcement volunteers are agents of the City.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The City Commission held a public workshop on December 12, 2023, to discuss several ordinances pertaining to trees, right-of-way maintenance, swale matters, thoroughfare beautification, and ancillary issues. During this workshop, the City’s parking ordinance was isolated and discussed, resulting in the City Commission directing staff to come back with a modified ordinance to address various concerns, e.g., swale parking as same-directional, the enforceability of commercial vehicle restrictions as parking violations.

The City Commission approved the amended Ordinance 24-11 on 1st reading at its May 14, 2024 City Commission meeting.

ANALYSIS:

City staff have worked with the City Attorney to amend Chapter 17 of the City Code to address the Commission's collective concern(s), as expressed on December 12, 2023. In the proposed ordinance, staff recommends:

- 1.) Identifying parking enforcement volunteers/officers as authorized agents of the City.
- 2.) Prohibiting the obstruction of traffic by standing, stopping, or parking in the roadway.
- 3.) With a few exceptions, requiring vehicles to face the same direction as traffic flow, including the City right-of-way and swales.
- 4.) Restricting parking in the City right-of-way/swale for more than sixty hours without the abutting property owner's permission, including HOAs.
- 5.) Adopting the City's commercial vehicle restrictions from Sec. 25-10 as enforceable as a parking violation in Sec. 17-18.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The City of Cooper City identified revitalization as part of its strategic plan. Additionally, traffic improvements were cited as an objective of proactive public safety. This proposed ordinance touches on both goals, as the parking restrictions have aesthetic appeal while improving traffic safety in and around our schools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Ordinance 24-11 on 2nd reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance 24-11

Workflow History 			
User	Task	Action	Date/Time
Allen, Tedra	NEW ITEM: Not Yet Routed	*COMPLETE: Forward to City Attorney	05/16/24 04:38 PM
Horowitz, Jacob	Assigned to Attorney	COMPLETE: Forward to City Manager	05/17/24 10:56 AM
Eggleston, Ryan	Assigned to City Manager	COMPLETE: Forward to City Clerk	05/17/24 11:18 AM
Allen, Tedra	Assigned to City Clerk	APPROVE ITEM: End Workflow	05/17/24 03:59 PM
Allen, Tedra	END WORKFLOW - APPROVED		05/22/24 02:33 PM