

ORDINANCE NO. 25-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS;” BY AMENDING ARTICLE II ENTITLED, “SIGNS;” AMENDING SECTION 25-23 ENTITLED “PERMANENT SIGNS;” AMENDING SECTION 25-28, ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS;” AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUND MONUMENT SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Cooper City (“City”) has recently granted sign waivers for certain ground monument signs, including waivers related to the installation of tenant panels; and

WHEREAS, the City has received positive feedback related to these sign waivers; and

WHEREAS, the City strives to be business friendly and the help businesses identify themselves within shopping centers while still maintaining a uniform and aesthetic look along City roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City’s professional staff has recommended a number of revisions to the ground monument sign requirements in the City’s permanent sign code; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Planning and Zoning Board, on May 19, 2025, considered the amendments set forth in this ordinance and unanimously approved the same; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has held a public hearing in accordance with Florida law; and

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WHEREAS, following proper notice to the public and after having received input and participation by interested members of the public and staff, the City Commission finds that this ordinance is in the best interest of the citizens, residents, and business establishments in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Cooper City hereby amends Chapter 25 of the City's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Development Standards," by amending Article II entitled, "Signs," and specifically amending Section 25-23 entitled "Permanent Signs," as follows:

Sec. 25-23. - Permanent signs.

Only such permanent signs as are listed in this section shall be permitted to be erected or maintained upon any building lot, plot or parcel of land, for the following types of land uses;

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(b) *Nonresidential land uses.* Nonresidential land uses shall be limited to the following types of permanent signs.

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(5) *Shopping center ground signs.* One ground box sign or ground sign shall be permitted in a shopping center ~~indicating the name of the center,~~ not to exceed the size limitations as delineated herein below. A second ground box sign or ground sign will be permitted ~~indicating the name of the center~~ if said center fronts on two main thoroughfares of at least secondary arterial designation (80 foot right-of-way). Ground sign with tenant parcels must have a uniform background color and lettering must match shopping center sign package or approved trademark. Ground signs need to display the center name and address or address range. No shopping center ground sign shall ~~contain more than one logo or~~ exceed the size delineated below:

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Width of Right-of-Way (feet)	<u>Min./</u> Max. Height of Letters/Symbols (inches)	Max. Sign <u>w/</u> <u>Max Sign</u> <u>w/ Center Name</u> <u>Tenant</u> <u>Panels</u> (square feet) <u>(sq.ft.)</u>	<u>Sign Height</u> <u>Sign Height</u> <u>w/ Center Name</u> <u>w/ Tenant</u> <u>Panels</u> (feet) <u>(feet)</u>
0—50	<u>8/10</u>	18 <u>24</u>	<u>6</u> <u>6</u>
51—80	<u>8/14</u>	26 <u>35</u>	<u>6</u> <u>7</u>
81—100	<u>8/16</u>	32 <u>43</u>	<u>6</u> <u>8</u>
101—120	<u>8/20</u>	42 <u>56</u>	<u>6</u> <u>9</u>
121 and above	<u>8/23</u>	48 <u>64</u>	<u>6</u> <u>10</u>

SECTION 3. The City Commission of the City of Cooper City hereby amends Chapter 25 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, entitled “Development Standards,” by amending Article II entitled, “Signs,” and specifically amending Section 25-28 entitled “Construction, Maintenance, and Location Requirements,” as follows:

Sec. 25-28. - Construction, maintenance and location requirements.

(a) Structural requirements.

(1) All structural members utilized in the construction or erection of signs shall be concealed except for vertical supports or other supporting members which are designed and arranged so as to be an integral part of the aesthetic composition of a sign.

(2) Ground signs and ground box signs permitted by this article shall not exceed the height set forth in table 25-23(b)(5)~~six feet in height~~ above the crown of any abutting road or nearest road, with means of support concealed.

SECTION 4: All sections of the City of Cooper City Code not amended hereunder shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Cooper City that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the

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City of Cooper City, Florida, and that the Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word “Ordinance” may be changed to “Section,” “Article” or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 6: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7: If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given affect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are to be severable.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on First Reading this _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED AND FINAL ADOPTION on Second Reading this _____ day of _____, 2025.

JAMES CURRAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TEDRA ALLEN, MMC
City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Curran _____
Commissioner Shrouder _____
Commissioner Katzman _____
Commissioner Mallozzi _____
Commissioner Smith _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

JACOB G. HOROWITZ
City Attorney

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