

ORDINANCE NO. 22-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE II OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "DOGS;" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 5-18, ENTITLED "PROHIBITED IN PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS;" AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES;" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 12-44, ENTITLED "RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES;" PERMITTING DOGS IN CERTAIN CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, UNLESS A SIGN HAS BEEN POSTED BY THE CITY PROHIBITING DOGS OR OTHER ANIMALS FROM BEING AT THAT LOCATION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Cooper City finds that Cooper City is a dog-friendly city; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that most dog owners in the City are responsible owners, and the City Commission seeks to provide such owners with additional locations to enjoy time with their pets; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks to authorize dogs in certain City parks, unless signage to the contrary is posted by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has held a public hearings, as required by law, and has considered the input of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that amending the City code to allow dogs in certain City parks is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City.

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. City Code Amended. That Article II, entitled “Dogs,” of Chapter 5, entitled “Animals and Fowl,” of the City of Cooper City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by specifically amending Section 5-18, entitled “Prohibited in Parks and Recreational Areas” as follows:

Sec. 5-18. - ~~Prohibited~~Dogs in parks and recreational areas.

No person owning or having possession of any dog shall cause, permit or allow the dog to run, go, or in any other manner be in or upon any public park or recreational area, whether such dog be at large or restrained in any manner by the owner, if a sign has been posted by the city prohibiting dogs or other animals at that particular park or recreation area.

SECTION 3. City Code Amended. That Article III, entitled “Park Regulations,” of Chapter 12, entitled “Parks and Recreation,” of the City of Cooper City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by specifically amending Section 12-44, entitled “Recreational Activities” as follows:

Sec. 12-44 Recreational Activities

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(g) *Animals and pets.*

(1) a. No animals or pets of any kind are permitted in any city parks if a sign has been posted by the city prohibiting animals at that particular location, except that dogs shall be permitted in areas specifically designated for dog use by the posting of a sign. ~~Dogs~~ Animals shall not be allowed to run loose, but shall at all times be restrained or kept on a leash of not more than six feet in length;

b. This subsection shall not apply to the following:

1. Service animals, as defined in F.S. § 413.08(1)(d), and as used in accordance with the provisions of F.S. § 413.08;

2. Horses or dogs used by a law enforcement officer or park watchman in the performance of their duties; and

3. Animals or fowl kept by the department of recreation or under its direction.

(2) No person shall abandon any animal in a park.

SECTION 4. 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 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 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and hereby are repealed.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on First Reading this _____ day of _____, 2022.

PASSED AND FINAL ADOPTION on Second Reading this _____ day of _____, 2022.

GREG ROSS
Mayor

ATTEST:

TEDRA ALLEN
City Clerk

Approved As To Legal Form:

JACOB G. HOROWITZ
City Attorney

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ross _____
Commissioner Green _____
Commissioner Meltzer _____
Commissioner Pulcini _____
Commissioner Shrouder _____