



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: Ordinance 22-11 (Commission)

SUBJECT: 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to amend the City Code permitting dogs in certain city parks and recreational areas, unless a sign has been posted by the City prohibiting dogs or other animals from being at that location.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

On January 25, 2022, the Commission had a discussion regarding pets in passive parks. A survey was made available to the residents on the City's website to obtain input, it ran from February 3rd to February 17th. The survey gathered 1,280 responses. 69.5% were in favor of allowing leashed dogs in suitable passive parks. 30.5% did not favor a change.

The Code currently states:

Chapter 12 Parks and Recreation Article III Sections 12-44(g)(1) states No animals or pets of any kind are permitted in city parks, except that dogs shall be permitted in areas specifically designated for dog use by the posting of a sign. Dogs shall not be allowed to run loose, but shall at all times be restrained or kept on a leash of not more than six (6) feet in length.

Chapter 5 Article II Sections 5-18 states 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."

ANALYSIS:


Amend the City Code permitting dogs in certain city parks and recreational areas unless a sign has been posted by the City prohibiting dogs or other animals from being at that location.

ALTERNATIVES:

- N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance 22-11
2. Chapter 12 Parks and Recreation Article III Sections 12-44 (g) (1)
3. Chapter 5 Animals and Fowl Article II Sections 5-18

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Napoli, Joseph	Assigned to City Manager	COMPLETE: Forwar...	05/13/22 10:28 AM
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