



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Ordinance 23-32 (Parks and Recreation)

**DATE:** December 12, 2023

**DESCRIPTION:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED, "PARKS AND RECREATION;" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 12-46, ENTITLED "PERMITS;" REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR GATHERINGS AT CITY PARKS OF MORE THAN SEVEN (7) INDIVIDUALS; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Manager Recommends approval of Ordinance 23-32, to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to amend the code requirements from 20 persons requiring a permit to seven (7) or more requiring a permit.

**BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

The City of Cooper City has three (3) sports complexes. Recently the sports complexes has seen an influx of groups/organized activities utilizing the facilities. Currently the code requires any group larger than 20 is required to obtain a permit. The enforcement of groups and activities has become challenging for staff to enforce with the requirement being 20 or more persons.

**ANALYSIS:**

Staff continuously receives complaints regarding excess of groups/activities being held in our facilities. This has been extremely difficult to enforce with the permit requirement being 20 persons or more. The usage of the facilities was discussed at the April 25, 2023 Commission meeting. Commission set direction for staff to implement processes in place to help mitigate the overuse or misuse use of the facilities. Staff has implemented the measures and revising the code will continue to help mitigate and address the continuous concerns.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Parks and Recreation is best supported in the third priority, which is creating a Strong Sense of Place. Utilization of Parks and Recreation facilities is essential to the health and welfare for the residents of Cooper City, creating a Strong Sense of Place.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**


| <u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>  | <u>Budgeted Amount</u> | <u>Requested Amount</u> | <u>Remaining Amount</u> |
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| 001-000-347500-347 (Taxable)<br><b>Parks and Fields Only</b><br>001000-347501-347 (Non-Tax)<br><b>Parks and Fields Only</b><br>Revenue Accounts |                        |                         |                         |

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If the code is not amended with a reduction in number of persons required to obtain a permit, staff will continue to have issues and conflicts. Additionally, if the code is not amended the facilities will continue to have overuse.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 23-32
2. Optimist Resolution 17-7-5 (Point of Interest)
3. Resolution 03-2-9 (Point of Interest)

| Workflow History  |                          |                           |                      |
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| Allen, Tedra   | NEW ITEM: Not Yet Routed | *COMPLETE: Forward to ... | 12/01/23<br>03:48 PM |
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| Eggleston, Ryan  | Assigned to City Manager | COMPLETE: Forward to ...  | 12/06/23<br>04:46 PM |
| Allen, Tedra   | Assigned to City Clerk   | APPROVE ITEM: End Wo...   | 12/08/23<br>11:53 AM |
| Allen, Tedra   | END WORKFLOW - APPROVED  |                           | 12/08/23<br>11:55 AM |