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January 16, 2024

Cooper City Optimist C/O Junior Molina, Optimist President 10500 Stirling Road Cooper City, Florida 33026

Subject:City of Cooper City (the "City") / Tackle Football Non-Compliance

Dear Mr. Molina,

The City Commission discussed the residency requirements related to organized sports and field usage at the January 9, 2024 Commission Meeting. Resolution 12-7-5 (the "Resolution"), adopted on July 30, 2012, governs the relationship between the between the City and the Cooper City Optimist ("CCO").

Section (E)(1) of the Resolution provides that the CCO shall include in its programs a minimum of seventy percent (70%) of Cooper City residents, with limited exception. At this time, no sport is currently in compliance with the Resolution. The sport with the most egregious discrepancy of resident/non-resident compliance, is the Tackle Football program. As a result of this, the City Commission has directed the City's professional staff to suspend any acitivity of the CCO related to the Tackle Football Program, effectively immediately. The intent of this correspondence is to formally advise the CCO of the City's decision. In the event the CCO wishes to appeal this action, the Resolution provides for the opporunity to appeal this decision to the City Manager.

City staff has also been given direction to have an action plan in place for organized sports to be compliant with the residency/non-residency requirement of the Resolution. The City Commission directed staff to have this plan completed by February 9, 2024. In the event the CCO wishes to submit a plan for City staff to review and possibly recommend, all necessary documents must be submitted to the City Manager no later than close of business on January 31, 2024. If no documents or information is received, the City's professional staff will unilaterally draft an action plan to be presented to the City Commission.

If you have a desire to meet with the City Manager relative to the above referenced items, please contact the City Manager's office at (954) 434 – 4300 etx. 223. or via email at reggleston@coopercity.gov.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation,

Stacie N. Weiss

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