

## RESOLUTION 25-12

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK OR HAVE ANY PART IN CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A CITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas**, many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings that could lead to a criminal prosecution, or code enforcement actions are exposed to threats and other acts of violence and

**Whereas**, municipal clerks often administer elections and some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for

**Whereas**, municipal clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances and, occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by defendants; and

**Whereas**, currently public records exemptions in Florida include those for local personnel who either investigate, enforce or otherwise provide a service that can result in contentious interactions when action is taken and municipal clerks and their staffs fall within the need for a window for greater protection; and

**Whereas**, the Florida Association of City Clerks is very concerned for the safety and well-being of the municipal clerks and their staffs who serve the public on a daily basis and are, oftentimes, the first contact of citizens with cities; and

**Whereas,** the City of Cooper City has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing and adopting this Resolution.

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

(1). The Cooper City Commission of the City Cooper City hereby adopts the recitals set forth in this Resolution (whereas clauses) as the legislative findings of the City Commission of the City of Cooper City.

(2). The Mayor and Commission of the City of Cooper City, Florida, hereby urges and encourages the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a municipality.

(3). The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, and each State Senator and Representative serving in the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the Broward League of Cities, and the Florida League of Cities (FLC).

(4). This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Passed and Adopted** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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James Curran  
Mayor

Attest:

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Tedra Allen, MMC  
City Clerk

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Alex Rey  
City Manager

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Jacob Horowitz  
City Attorney

**ROLL CALL**

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