



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Ordinance 25-06 (BSO Code Enforcement)

**DATE:** February 25, 2025

**DESCRIPTION:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES;" BY AMENDING ARTICLE II ENTITLED, "PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING;" AMENDING SECTION 17-16 ENTITLED "PARKING PLACES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS;" AMENDING SECTION 17-17 ENTITLED "CITATIONS FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS;" AMENDING SECTION 17-18 ENTITLED "PROHIBITED STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS;" AMENDING SECTION 17-19 ENTITLED "PROHIBITED PARKING, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS;" AMENDING SECTION 13-82, ENTITLED "CITATIONS – OPTIONS OF PERSONS CITED;" PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REGULATIONS RELATED TO SWALE PARKING; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Manager requests approval of Ordinance 25-06 on 2nd reading, amending Chapter 17, Sec. 17-16, 17-17, 17-18, and Sec 17-19 of the City's Code of Ordinances, clarifying the City's parking restrictions, the timeliness of payment, and updated fee structure.

### **BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

The City Commission held a public workshop on December 12, 2023, to discuss several ordinances pertaining to trees, right-of-way maintenance, swale matters, thoroughfare beautification, and ancillary issues. During this workshop, the city's parking ordinance was isolated and discussed, resulting in the city commission directing staff to come back with a modified ordinance to address a variety of concerns, e.g., swale parking as same-directional, enforceability of commercial vehicle restrictions as parking violations.

City staff brought forth the recommended ordinance revision which passed on second reading on May 28, 2024. Since the implementation of the new ordinance, Code Enforcement is bringing back a recommended revision to capture needed changes to both clarify the code and simplify it.

**ANALYSIS:**

City staff have worked with the City Attorney to amend chapter 17 of the city code to clarify recent changes. In the proposed ordinance, staff recommends:

- 1.) Clarifying the fee structure as related to handicap parking and same-directional swale parking.
- 2.) Increasing the time allotted to make payment for violations under this section (10 business days to 15 business days).
- 3.) Eliminating redundancy or apparent conflict within the code.
- 4.) Clarifying parking restrictions within 1000ft of a school, to include public or private driveways, swale, parking lots, plazas, undeveloped land, and other areas within the designated radius.

This item went before the Commission for 1<sup>st</sup> reading on February 11, 2025. The item passed with a recommendation to align the fees with Section 13-82.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The City of Cooper City identified revitalization as part of its strategic plan. Additionally, traffic improvements were cited as objectives under proactive public safety. This proposed ordinance touches on both goals, as the parking restrictions have aesthetic appeal while improving traffic safety in and around our schools.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not approve or amend Ordinance 25-06 on 2nd reading.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 25-06
2. Sec. 13-82 – Citations – Options of persons cited (Fee Schedule)