



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Ordinance 25-07 (Commission)

**DATE:** February 25, 2025

**DESCRIPTION:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II ENTITLED, "CITY COMMISSION;" SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 2-21, ENTITLED "REGULAR MEETINGS;" PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) WORKSHOP MEETING AND ONE (1) REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION EACH MONTH; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Commissioner Smith recommends approval of Ordinance 25-07 to amend Section 2-21 of the City's Code of Ordinances to provide for one (1) workshop meeting and one (1) regular meeting of the City Commission each month.

**BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

Currently, Section 2-21 of the City Code establishes that regular City Commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. After evaluating the efficiency and necessity of these meetings, the City Commission seeks to modify the meeting schedule to allow for one workshop meeting on the second Tuesday of each month and one regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a dedicated session for discussion and information-sharing (workshop meeting) separate from formal decision-making (regular meeting).

**ANALYSIS:**

The proposed amendment aims to enhance the effectiveness of City Commission meetings by:

- **Improving Decision-Making:** Workshop meetings will allow for in-depth discussion on issues before formal votes are taken.
- **Encouraging Transparency:** Provides an opportunity for commissioners and the public to engage in meaningful discourse outside of formal proceedings.
- **Enhancing Efficiency:** Reduces redundancy and allows for more streamlined governance.

This ordinance is compliant with Section 3.12(2) of the City Charter, which mandates at least one regular City Commission meeting per month. Additionally, adjustments to meeting times and scheduling for holidays or elections will be addressed through a majority vote of the Commission as needed.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This ordinance promotes efficient governance, public engagement, and operational effectiveness. It supports efforts to optimize Commission workflow and foster better communication with residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. **Maintain the current meeting schedule** with two regular meetings per month.
2. **Modify the schedule differently**, such as maintaining two regular meetings while adding a separate workshop session.
3. **Reject the ordinance** and provide direction on alternative governance improvements.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 25-07