



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: Ordinance 24-08 (Administration)

DATE: May 14, 2024

DESCRIPTION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF COOPER CITY'S FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT PLAN CODIFIED IN CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE COOPER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO COMPLY WITH CHAPTER 2019-21, LAWS OF FLORIDA; BY AMENDING ARTICLE IX, DISABILITY, AND ARTICLE XI, DEATH BENEFITS, OF SECTION 2-158; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager requests approval of Ordinance 24-08 to comply with Chapter 209-21, Laws of Florida.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

Upon the adoption of this ordinance, firefighters who become disabled before retirement due to cancer (as defined in Section 112.1816(1), Florida Statutes) or from the treatment of such cancer (as defined in Section 112.1816(1), Florida Statutes) shall be considered to have become disabled in the line of duty. Since the April 9th Commission meeting, the City Attorney has reached out to the Pension Counsel; their feedback is attached. (Attachment 4.)

ANALYSIS:

The proposed ordinance would revise Section 2-158, Article IX "Disability" to incorporate provisions of Florida Statutes Chapter 112.1816, which provides that a firefighter who is diagnosed with certain specified cancers is presumed to have contributed those cancers while in the line of duty for purposes of determining the disability or death benefit payable from the Plan. No active members remain in the plan; the proposed change has no measurable actuarial cost to the Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance 24-08
2. AIS Letter
3. Special Report – Sugarman, Susskind, Braswell & Herrera
4. B. Klausner email exchange