

ORDINANCE NO. 24-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE I, ENTITLED “IN GENERAL,” BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 2-8, ENTITLED “NAMING AND RECOGNITION PROCEDURES,” ELIMINATING THE CITY CODE REGULATING KEYS TO THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the Cooper City (the “City”) adopted Resolution No. 05-5-1, providing for administrative procedures for the City Commission (the “Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution was amended by the City Commission pursuant to the following resolutions: Resolution No. 08-5-7, Resolution No. 09-2-3, Resolution No. 09-8-3, Resolution No. 13-1-6, Resolution No.15-3-2, Resolution 15-10-2, Resolution 16-6-4, and Resolution 19-1-4, Resolution 19-9-5, Ordinance No. 19-8-1, Resolution 21-13 and Resolution 23-1; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 19-8-1 codified certain naming and recognition procedures within the City’s Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks to remove the provisions of the City Code related to Keys to Cooper City, and continue to regulate the issuance of such keys through the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has held a public hearing in accordance with Florida law; and

WHEREAS, following proper notice to the public and after having received input and participation by interested members of the public and staff, the City Commission finds that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the citizens, residents, and business establishments in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **RECITALS ADOPTED.** That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein and made a part hereon.

Section 2. **CHAPTER 2 OF CITY CODE AMENDED.** That Article I, entitled “In General” of Chapter 2, entitled “Administration” of the City of Cooper City Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended by the amending of Section 2-8, entitled “Naming and Recognition Procedures,” to read, as follows:

Sec. 2-7 Naming and Recognition Procedures

(A) *Naming of City-owned properties, buildings, structures and facilities.* The City Commission may, by resolution, name any property, building, structure or facility owned by the City of Cooper City, subject to the following process and parameters:

- 1) In its sole discretion, the City Commission may involve outside organizations in the process.
- 2) Properties, buildings, structures and facilities shall not be named after living persons.
- 3) Properties, buildings, structures and facilities may be named after people who have died, following a minimum 90-day waiting period.
- 4) Consideration of the following in naming properties, buildings, structures and facilities is encouraged:

- i. Historical significance;

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- ii. Geographic identifiers;
 - iii. Natural characteristics, including flora and fauna; and
 - iv. Individuals making significant, non-financial, humanitarian contributions to the City.
- 5) Any proposal to name a property, building, structure or facility after a person must be placed on the City Commission's printed agenda at least one month before it is considered for final approval. Community response is to be solicited early in the process and local homeowners' associations or other appropriate community groups should be notified in writing of the proposal and their input solicited.
- 6) This policy shall not apply to any property, buildings, structures or facilities named prior to May 28, 2019, or if the naming rights have been sold or transferred by written agreement or contract approved by Resolution of the City Commission.
- 7) The provisions of this subsection may be waived only by a unanimous vote of the city commission.

~~(B) Keys to Cooper City. In recognition of the fact that the only Key to Cooper City which has ever been presented was given to the City's founder Morris Cooper shortly before his death, the City Commission has determined that it would not be appropriate to issue or present any further "Keys to Cooper City."~~

~~(C)~~(B) *Honorary Citizens.* In lieu of keys to the City, when an individual's accomplishments or contributions to the betterment of Cooper City are so noteworthy, or have been of significant duration, the City Commission may honor such persons by naming them Honorary Citizens of Cooper City.

Section 3. It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Cooper City that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cooper City, Florida, and that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section," "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

Section 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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Section 5. If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or application shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the validity of the remaining portions or applications remaining in full force and effect.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on First Reading this _____ day of _____, 2024.

PASSED AND FINAL ADOPTION on Second Reading this __ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

TEDRA ALLEN
City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ross _____
Commissioner Green _____
Commissioner Shrouder _____
Commissioner Katzman _____
Commissioner Mallozzi _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

JACOB G. HOROWITZ
City Attorney

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