



## CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

**DEPARTMENT:** Ordinance 25-01 – (Commission)

**DATE:** January 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION;" BY REPEALING SECTION 2-26 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "PROHIBITED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS;" PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mayor Curran requests approval of Ordinance 25-01 amending Chapter 2 of the City's Code of Ordinances repealing Section 2-26, entitled "Prohibited Campaign Contributions.

**BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

Chapter 106 F.S. governs campaign financing, including contribution limits, electioneering communications, reporting requirements, and other related matters. The Campaign finance reporting requirements provide for the disclosure of all campaign contributions, including the source and amount of such contributions, and the City's Code of Ordinances requires public disclosure by the members of the City Commission contributions received by applicants in quasi-judicial matters, among other public disclosures.

Section 2-26 of the Code currently states:

b) *Contributions prohibited.*

- 1) No lobbyist, real estate developer, or vendor shall give a campaign contribution, directly or indirectly, to a candidate for the office of Mayor or Commissioner.
- 2) No Candidate for Mayor or Commissioner, or member of the City Commission shall directly or indirectly, solicit, accept, or deposit into such candidate's campaign account any campaign contribution from a lobbyist, real estate developer, or vendor. Candidates, or those acting on a candidate's behalf, including incumbent members of the City Commission, shall ensure compliance with this section by confirming with the City Clerk's office the status of any potential donor.

- c) *Contracts and Procurement.* Commencing on the effective date of this ordinance, all City contracts, requests for proposals, requests for qualifications, or any other competitive solicitation issued by the City shall incorporate the provisions of this section to notify

lobbyists, real estate developers, and vendors of the limitations and restrictions set forth herein.

- d) *Penalties.* All contributions deposited by a candidate into a campaign account in violation of this section shall be forfeited to the City's general revenue fund. Violations of this section may be further subject to the penalty provisions outlined in Sections 1-8 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

**ANALYSIS:**

The City Commission desires to repeal Sec. 2-26, prohibiting campaign contributions from lobbyists, real estate developers, and vendors doing business with the City.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 25-03
2. Sec. 2-26 – Prohibited Campaign Contributions