



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Ordinance 25-09 (Administration)

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**DESCRIPTION:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "FIRE ASSESSMENTS;" SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 7-22, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS," TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "TAX COLLECTOR;" PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Manager recommends approval of Ordinance 25-09 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to update the City Code to reflect the recent constitutional change designating the elected Broward County Tax Collector as the official fire assessment collection and ensuring continued uniform collection of fire assessments by the newly established constitutional Tax Collector for Broward County.

**BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

Historically, the Broward County Department of Finance and Administrative Services functioned as the County's tax collector. However, as a result of a Florida Constitutional amendment requiring that Tax Collectors be independently elected officials, Broward County elected a state-constitution Tax Collector in 2024.

The proposed ordinance amends the City's Code to reflect this change and updates the definition of "Tax Collector" accordingly. In addition, the City must execute a new agreement with the Broward County Tax Collector to maintain the uniform method of collecting fire assessments.

**ANALYSIS:**

This ordinance was passed on 1<sup>st</sup> reading and is necessary to ensure compliance and continuity in the City's fire assessment collection process. The ordinance updates the legal reference to the Tax Collector to match the current governing structure.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 25-09