



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Ordinance 21-22 (Utilities)

**DESCRIPTION:** AN ORDINANCE OF CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATORY YEAR-ROUND LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONSERVATION MEASURES RULE OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (40E-24, F.A.C.); AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "LANDSCAPING"; CREATING SECTION 25-52, TO BE ENTITLED "YEAR-ROUND LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONSERVATION MEASURES;" PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR A REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE TECHNOLOGY THAT INHIBITS OR INTERRUPTS AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM DURING PERIODS OF SUFFICIENT MOISTURE; PROVIDING FOR VARIANCES FROM THE SPECIFIC DAY OF THE WEEK LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Manager Recommends approval of Ordinance 21-22, amending Chapter 25 of the City's Code of Ordinances to implement year-round landscape irrigation restrictions.

**BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

In 2010, both the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and Broward County enacted regulations generally restricting landscape irrigation to certain days of the week, and only certain hours of the day, based on property address. These regulations apply to all of Broward County, including Cooper City. In 2020, the City received a letter from SFWMD requesting that the City adopt its own ordinance that is in compliance with their year-round irrigation rule. A copy of the letter is attached along with the SFWMD adopted ear-round irrigation restriction rule.

**ANALYSIS:**

Staff agrees that the City benefits from adopting its own ordinance. First, it gives the City more clear authority to enforce irrigation restrictions. Second, water conservation measures are very

carefully considered by SFWMD when reviewing the City’s application to renew its consumptive water use permit (the current permit expires in 2030). Finally, there is no disadvantage to adopting this ordinance because irrigation restrictions are already in place county-wide.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Commission could opt not to adopt this proposed ordinance, but that may prove to be disadvantageous to the City over time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 21-22
2. SFWMD Letter dated 2/24/2020
3. 40E-24, F.A.C