



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: Ordinance 25-15 (Department)

DATE: October 28, 2025

DESCRIPTION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE III ENTITLED, "LANDSCAPING;" AMENDING SECTION 25-48, ENTITLED "LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE;" PROHIBITING THE BLOWING, SWEEPING, OR DUMPING OF LANDSCAPE DEBRIS AND YARD WASTE INTO STREETS, SWALES AND STORM DRAINS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Ordinance 25-15, amending Section 25-48 of the City Code to prohibit the improper disposal to prohibit the improper disposal of yard waste and landscape debris into public rights-of-way, swales, and storm drains.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

Improperly disposing of landscape debris and yard waste into City streets, swales, and storm drains has been an ongoing issue for Cooper City. When landscapers or homeowners sweep or blow debris into stormwater systems, it causes blockages that lead to localized flooding and higher maintenance costs.

The proposed ordinance was created based on staff observations and public concerns about storm drain blockages caused by improper disposal practices. The City's Public Works Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, reviewed the existing Code and found the need for clear prohibitions and enforceable penalties to prevent these activities.

This item was introduced to ensure compliance with environmental best practices and to maintain the efficiency of the City's stormwater management system.

ANALYSIS:

The amendment to Section 25-48 of the City's Code clearly prohibits blowing, sweeping, or dumping landscape debris and yard waste into streets, swales, or storm drains. It also makes it illegal for homeowners or contractors to deposit or direct yard waste into any part of the stormwater system.

This amendment aligns with environmental protection standards and reflects similar ordinances adopted by other municipalities.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 25-15