



October 11, 2025

VIA EMAIL: JCurran@CooperCity.gov

Mayor James Curran
City of Cooper City
9090 SW 50th Place
Cooper City, FL 33328

Re: Resignation

Dear Mayor Curran:

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from my position as Special Magistrate for the City of Cooper City. This is not a decision that was made easily, as I have enjoyed serving the City and working with its residents to achieve meaningful and fair resolutions to achieve the goal of code enforcement – to bring about compliance with the Cooper City Code of Ordinances for the betterment of the City as a whole.

I have carefully considered a number of factors before arriving at this decision. With the changes in my situation, including relocating from Broward County to North Hutchinson Island and committing more time to my family and for myself, my ability to continue in this position is not something that works within the direction that my life has taken. While it played into the decision, driving two hours each way to and from Cooper City for dockets that are typically ninety minutes also did not seem to make a great deal of sense.

It has been an honor serving Cooper City as its Special Magistrate on two separate occasions. I have enjoyed the interaction with the public. Even more, I have relished my time interacting with the City's Code Enforcement Officers. They are consummate professionals who, despite occasional and unfounded criticisms about how they do their jobs, they are an incredible group of individuals who, on a daily basis, work for the betterment of Cooper City.

I have greatly enjoyed working with the staff of the City Clerk's office. I must single out Ruth Freeston, specifically. I worked closely with Ruth during both of my stints as Special Magistrate. Ruth has been wonderful to work with. She is an invaluable asset to the City. She knows how to run the Special Magistrate's office better than anyone I have met in any other City. Beyond that, I value the working relationship and friendship we developed over the years.

I am sure that Ms. Rosenberg can fill in quite effectively until a new Special Magistrate can be appointed. I would like to thank you and the City Commission for your trust and the opportunity to have served the City as its Special Magistrate.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Scott Kleiman'.

M. Scott Kleiman

cc: Ruth Freeston

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