

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," AMENDING ARTICLE II ENTITLED, "SIGNS," BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 25-24, ENTITLED "TEMPORARY SIGNS;" ELIMINATING THE BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Cooper City ("City") seeks to eliminate the bond requirements for temporary signs, including election signs, in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission seeks to further clarify the election sign requirements within certain zoning districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has held a public hearing in accordance with Florida law; and

**WHEREAS**, following proper notice to the public and after having received input and participation by interested members of the public and staff, the City Commission finds that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the citizens, residents, and business establishments in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.    RECITALS ADOPTED.**    That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

**Section 2.    CHAPTER 25 OF CITY CODE AMENDED.**    That Section 25-24, entitled "Temporary Sigs" of Article II, entitled "Signs" of Chapter 25, entitled "Development

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Standards” of the City Code of the City of Cooper City, Florida, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

**Sec. 25-24 Temporary Signs**

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(g) *Election Signs*

(1) Within any zoning district in which residential use is permitted, an election sign shall be limited to a maximum of four square feet in area. Within any other zoning district, the sign area of an election sign shall not exceed 32 square feet (i.e., four feet by eight feet).

(2) Temporary election signs shall be limited on private property to one sign per candidate or issue and may be placed on private property for a time period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days per year. ~~shall not be erected prior to 90 days before any election, or prior to the date of qualification for the election, whichever is a shorter period of display.~~

~~(3) All election signs of candidates defeated in primary election must be removed within seven days after the date of such primary election, and all election signs of candidates running in a general election, or relating to an issue on a general election ballot, must be removed within seven days after the date of such general election.~~

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(n) *Temporary signs; requirements*

~~(1) *Registration and bond.*~~

~~a. The person or organization that shall erect a temporary sign within any nonresidential zoning district shall first file with the Building Department a written statement, guaranteeing the removal of the temporary sign(s) within seven days after the required removal date for the signs, and shall post a cash bond in the amount of \$250.00. The written statement accompanying the bond shall contain language that authorizes the City to use all or part of the bond to cover the cost of removal of the signs, if the person or organization posting the signs does not remove the signs within seven days after the required removal date for the signs. The written statement shall also contain the proposed location of the signs. Candidates for political office who have qualified by means of the petition method pursuant to F.S. § 99.095 or F.S. § 99.0955, seeking to post election signs, shall be exempt from this bond requirement.~~

~~b. For all temporary signs to be placed on vacant property, the person or organization erecting the signs shall file with the Building Department a written statement, signed by the owner or lessee, on a form provided by the Building Department, stating that the owner or lessee of the property has given permission for the temporary sign to be placed on their property.~~

**Section 3.** It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Cooper City that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cooper City, Florida, and that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section," "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

**Section 4.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5.** If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or application shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the validity of the remaining portions or applications remaining in full force and effect.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED on First Reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

**PASSED AND FINAL ADOPTION on Second Reading this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2024.**

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GREG ROSS  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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TEDRA ALLEN, MMC  
City Clerk

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ross \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Green \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Shrouder \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Katzman \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Mallozzi \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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JACOB G. HOROWITZ  
City Attorney

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