



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Ordinance 24-03 (Administration)

**DATE:** March 12, 2024

**DESCRIPTION:** 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. - **Administration**

### **CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Manager requests approval of Ordinance 24-03 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading amending Chapter 25, Sec. 25-24 of the City's Code of Ordinances, eliminating the bond requirements for temporary signs.

### **BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

At the November 14, 2023, City Commission meeting, Commission consensus was reached for the City Attorney to bring back an ordinance revising the City's sign code to address political signs.

The Code currently states:

Sec. 25-24 – Temporary Signs.

Only such signs as are prescribed in this section, which conform to the provisions of this article, shall be permitted to be erected or maintained upon any lot, plot, or parcel of land or leasable space. No signs so permitted, however, shall exceed six feet in height above the crown of any abutting road. No wall or window sign shall be permitted higher than the first story. No sign shall be permitted in the public right-of-way except as authorized by this article.

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., for feet by eight feet)....
- 2) Temporary election signs shall be limited on private property to one sign per candidate or issue and 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 elections 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. ....

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.

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At the February 13, 2024 City Commission meeting, the City Commission passed Ordinance 24-03 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**ANALYSIS:**

Passing and adopting Ordinance 24-03 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will allow 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, election signs shall be single-sided and the sign area of an election sign shall not exceed 32 square feet (i.e., four feet by eight feet) and eliminate the bond requirement for temporary signs.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**


N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not approve Ordinance 24-03 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 24-03

Workflow History 			
User	Task	Action	Date/Time
Allen, Tedra	NEW ITEM: Not Yet Routed	*COMPLETE: Forward to City Att...	02/12/24 01:48 PM
Horowitz, Jacob	Assigned to Attorney	Return to Original Submitter	02/22/24 10:42 AM
<i>This ordinance has been revised. We are awaiting staff's confirmation of the changes. A updated version will need to be uploaded. There was no change to the title.</i>			
Allen, Tedra	Returned to Original Submitter by Attorney	Return to Attorney	02/22/24 10:44 AM
<i>Updated ordinance has been uploaded</i>			
Horowitz, Jacob	Assigned to Attorney	COMPLETE: Forward to City Ma...	02/26/24 02:00 PM
<i>Please ensure that the tracked changes are shows in the ordinance in the back-up.</i>			
Eggleston, Ryan	Assigned to City Manager	COMPLETE: Forward to City Clerk	02/26/24 02:08 PM
<i>Track changes shown with new edits per discussions from last Commission Meeting.</i>			
Allen, Tedra	Assigned to City Clerk	APPROVE ITEM: End Workflow	03/01/24 02:30 PM
Allen, Tedra	END WORKFLOW - APPROVED		03/01/24 02:31 PM