



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: Ordinance 24-19 (Commission)

DATE: August 27, 2024

DESCRIPTION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED, "PARKS AND RECREATION;" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 12-43 ENTITLED "PARK PROPERTY;" PROHIBITING THE HOLDING OF ANY EVENT WITHIN A PUBLIC PARK WHICH CHARGES ADMISSION OR OTHERWISE PROHIBITS THE PUBLIC FROM PARTICIPATING WITHOUT AN APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT OR AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE – **Commissioner Katzman**

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval of Ordinance 24-19, amending the prohibition of charging admission or financial transactions for event rentals at public parks.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The Parks and Recreation Department proposes amending the ordinance pertaining to organizations/groups charging fees or admission or any financial transactions for an approved park rental. Organizations have previously held park rentals and charged spectators for admission to the event. While the Parks and Recreation Department was unaware of financial transactions taking place, it is recommended that the Ordinance be codified to establish clear guidelines for event rentals. This adjustment will synchronize practices, ensuring seamless processes for park rentals.

ANALYSIS:

In the event an organization/group wanted to conduct a rental at one of the City's public parks, they would complete a special event permit application. Once the permit application is submitted, it is reviewed through the applicable departments. If the application indicates there will be fees charged for various reasons, the applicable department will review the request and respond accordingly. The Ordinance allows the City's designee to exercise discretion on a case-by-case basis. The Ordinance aims to accommodate residents' needs better while maintaining efficient administrative processes for special event permits. If in the event the financial request for the event is denied, the applicant may continue to proceed with the rental, however, the financial requests will not be permitted. The applicant will then decide whether they want to proceed with the rental or no longer continue with the application process/event.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The ordinance aims to accommodate residents' needs better and distinguish clear guidelines for financial transactions for approved park rentals. This aligns with strategic goals focused on promoting community engagement, increasing participation in recreational activities, and improving residents' overall quality of life. Ultimately, the amendment contributes to achieving a broader strategic goal of fostering a vibrant and connected community by ensuring residents have guidelines to utilize city parks and facilities. This revision reflects the Parks and Recreation Department's commitment to facilitating community engagement and enhancing the accessibility of recreational facilities for all residents of Cooper City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City designee has the authority to exercise discretion on a case-by-case basis for charges to be collected during approved rentals. The applicant would be required to disclose financial intentions on the special event permit application. The City designee would disclose the financial impact to the City Manager at that time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance 24-19