

RESOLUTION NO. 12-7-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-11-8, WHICH REVISED THE POLICY FOR THE USE OF CITY SPORTS FACILITIES OWNED, OR LEASED, AND MAINTAINED BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission, via Resolution No. 83-1-2, established a policy for the use of sports facilities owned, or leased, and maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, via Resolution No. 2003-2-9 and Resolution No. 2004-11-8, revised the policy for the use of sports facilities owned, or leased, and maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cooper City is committed to providing an extensive, year-round sports program for the residents of Cooper City; and

WHEREAS, the City lacks the personnel to provide such a program and therefore relies exclusively on the voluntary participation of local service organizations to provide the sports programs for youth, defined as those persons ages 18 and under or who are enrolled in school through the twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, the City's Recreation Director has since recommended certain amendments to said policies.

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

**Section 1:** That Resolution No. 2004-11-8 is hereby amended by replacing the text of the Plan set forth in Resolution No. 2004-11-8, with the following superseding text:

This plan shall be referred to as the Cooper City Year-Round Sports Plan. Its purpose is to establish a plan for the organization and administration of all organized youth sports within the City of Cooper City. The Plan and any amendments thereto shall be approved and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Cooper City and administered by its designee. For the purposes of this Resolution, the City's designee shall be the Recreation Director. Any question

as to an interpretation of said plan or the administration of the plan shall be exclusively within the control of the City's designee.

**A. Recognized Sports Organization**

The City of Cooper City shall recognize the Cooper City Optimist Club (hereafter referred to as CCO) to organize, supervise and deliver youth sports to the City's residents. All individuals residing within the geographical boundaries of Cooper City shall be considered residents of Cooper City for purposes of this Resolution.

The CCO shall be responsible for providing a year-round, comprehensive sports program for youths. The CCO shall have on file with the City the following:

- 1) Proof of incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation
- 2) Proof of liability and accident insurance
- 3) The name, address and phone number of a person responsible for all communication with the City and its designee
- 4) League-approved rosters for each sport.
- 5) Criminal background checks shall be done for all who act in the following capacities:
  - Manager/Head Coaches
  - Official/Assistant Coaches
  - Board Members
  - Commissioners/Assistant Commissioners

The CCO must operate in a proper manner. The CCO will establish regular meeting dates so that it can properly organize the respective sport(s) and solve problems. These meeting(s) must be open to the public to attend. It is the responsibility of the CCO to establish a governing board comprised of officers. The CCO must provide the City with a schedule of its elections and within ten (10) days of any such election provide the City with the names of the newly elected officers. All members of the CCO will be entitled to vote for these officers and be given ample notice of any election, per CCO bylaws. The CCO will choose one spokesperson to communicate with the City. All information from the CCO must be transmitted through this person to the City. This will eliminate confusion and will establish a one-to-one communication flow from the CCO to the City. All information and/or requests from the CCO should be channeled through the spokesperson to the City's designee. The CCO will be responsible for

establishing registration dates for their respective sports. The dates must be advertised in advance to give public notice of the registration. Registration must take place at a location open to the public. Plans for the registration place should be made in advance with the City's designee. The CCO will be responsible for establishing registration fees for participation in sports, subject to the provisions of Paragraph E hereinbelow. The CCO, upon request, must be able to explain how these registration fees will be used to implement the program. The CCO must establish guidelines and criteria for selection of coaches for athletic teams. The City shall have the right to inspect the books and records of the CCO. Each year the CCO shall provide the City Manager with an annual Financial Statement of revenues and expenses for all programs and activities that take place during each twelve (12) month cycle of sports.

#### B. Year-Round Sports Program

The CCO is recognized as the sole agents to deliver seasonal youth sports to provide a year-round program of sports activities. Current sports are:

##### Sport

##### Baseball

- A. All ages and levels

##### Football

- A. All ages and levels
  - Tackle
- B. All ages and levels
  - Flag

##### C. Cheerleaders

##### Soccer

- A. Youth - All ages and levels of play

##### Softball

- A. Girl's Youth - all ages and Levels

##### Basketball

- A. All ages and levels

New sports can be added provided they adhere to the requirements in Paragraph E-3.

The following is a guideline for each sport and on or about the time of year each will take place:

Baseball/T-Ball:	League seasons Fall and Spring;
Girl's Softball:	League seasons Fall and Spring;
Football:	Late Summer through Fall;
Soccer:	Late Fall through Winter;
5 x 5 Soccer:	Spring;
Cheerleading:	League season Late Summer through Fall;
Basketball:	League season Summer.

It is recognized that each sport needs lead-in-time. Clubs will meet thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the season involved to arrange for pre-season practices. There will be provisions made for All-Star practices and special competitive teams before and after the league season. Any post-season play involving Cooper City facilities must receive prior approval from the City's designee. If the CCO plans any special events which coincide with its seasonal program, permission must be granted by the City's designee, who may levy a surcharge to cover expenses of tournaments or other special post-season events.

#### C. Sports Facilities

The City at any time may close a site, with due notice, which shall whenever possible, be at least fourteen (14) days in advance unless emergency conditions exist, for a sport if it deems necessary. The City will maintain facilities for sports practices or games.

The City of Cooper City will maintain fields for games and practices. It will be the responsibility of the City to do all striping, dragging, raking, mowing, and all other maintenance items. The City will prepare fields for games prior to the first scheduled game on a field for that day. Baseball and softball fields shall only be re-prepped by dragging and/or lining if more than three (3) games are to be played on a field on the same day. If Travel Baseball games are scheduled following In House games on the same day and same field, fields will be prepped by

dragging and lining prior to the first scheduled Travel game of the day. Fields will be re-prepped if there is a third Travel game to be played on the same field on the same day. Special events or preparations for a field, such as the painting of special logos or stencils, will be done for Tackle Football Homecoming, Flag Football Championship, and Soccerfest. On-deck infield marking will be done for Championship weekend for Baseball and Softball. Purchase of stencils required to be used for such special events or preparations shall be the responsibility of the CCO. At no time will a person from the CCO be expected to do any maintenance to any field or court. All removal of water from fields will be done by parks employees. The City may at any time cancel, postpone, or delay any athletic contest or practice due to inclement weather or any other factor which might impair the safety of the athletic participants.

The City will maintain facilities for the CCO at no charge to the CCO. However, if the City deems it necessary, it may assess a surcharge to the organization to cover operating costs and labor on specific occasions. The striping of fields will only be done for games, and Travel Baseball scrimmages, not for practices. Striping will only take place if both teams are in uniform and there are sanctioned officials taking part in the competition. End of the season In House playoffs which are scheduled following the regular season shall be considered part of the normal season and not subject to an additional fee. Travel tournaments/playoffs or discretionarily hosted events that include more than 50% non-resident teams, shall require prior approval to conduct and may be subject to additional fees.

The Cooper City Optimist Club shall be issued an annual permit for the use of all sports facilities and shall not be required to pay a permit fee, under any circumstances.

Note that the provisions hereinabove shall only apply if the CCO complies with the provisions of paragraph E.

#### D. Sports Facility Permitting Procedures

Generally, the use of facilities shall be governed by the terms of Ordinance No. 80-11-3 as the same may be amended from time to time. Any individual or group wishing to use a sports

facility may do so if the facility is available and after obtaining a park permit from the City's designee. However, any such use by an individual or group will be done on a lease or rental basis. The City designee can at any time change the fee schedule for rental or lease of any facility. A fee schedule for rental or lease of a facility or activity pursuant to a park permit shall be maintained by the Recreation Director for approval by the City Commission. This fee schedule may be revised by the City Commission as recommended by the Recreation Director.

No City sports facilities will be used without a park permit. A park permit is a document issued by the City's designee granting the right and reservation of a particular sports facility. Any use of a City sports facility which has not been scheduled, can be used, if available, after obtaining a park permit from the City's designee, on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications or requests for a park permit shall also be accompanied with a request to use any ancillary facilities to the sports facility. Authorized usage of any ancillary facilities shall be at the sole discretion of the City's designee. Any individual or group which has a permit for a sports facility can, upon arrival to the facility, ask any individual or group which is not scheduled to vacate the area. The right to use that sports facility belongs to the permitted user only. An individual or group requesting a park permit for a single event during any twelve (12) month period (i.e. family reunion or religious institution picnic) must complete and have approved a facility use permit and pay any required fee. However, individuals or groups requesting a park permit on a continuing basis (more than one occasion within any twelve (12) month period), shall provide the following:

- 1) Proof of liability and accident insurance
- 2) Complete and have approved a facility use permit
- 3) Pay any required fees.

All requests by an individual or group for a park permit shall be made to the City's designee at least seven (7) days, but no more than ninety (90) days, prior to the event.

#### E. General Policy Considerations

1. It is the policy of the Cooper City Commission that the CCO shall include a minimum of Seventy Percent (70%) Cooper City residents. The Basketball program shall be exempt from this percentage requirement as long as they continue to rent non-City facilities to conduct all their games. Any non-resident participating in these organizations shall be charged an additional non-resident fee per child, per sport, per season, over and above the normal registration charged by the CCO. An agreed upon portion of the non-resident fee of not less than \$20,000 or more than \$36,000 shall be paid to the City to be used for the maintenance of sports facilities. Cooper City residents shall have preference over non-residents to participate in the activities offered by the CCO. The CCO, within thirty (30) days of completion of registration, shall present complete league rosters, including addresses, to the City's designee, who shall compute the non-resident fee and send an invoice to the CCO. The City shall hold the CCO harmless for any errors or omissions in the collection of said fees.

(a) The City's designee is hereby granted the authority to suspend, curtail, or revoke the privilege to utilize sports facilities of any organization who violates the provisions of this paragraph E; and to waive or regulate any special problems that may arise in the implementation of this policy. An aggrieved party may appeal the decision of the City's designee to the City Manager.

2. It is the policy of the Cooper City Commission to deny recognition or give facility use, other than authorized park permits outlined in paragraph D, to any organization which duplicates a sport already provided by the Cooper City Optimist Club.

3. It is the policy of the Cooper City Commission that any new sport must receive prior approval of the City's designee.

#### F. Scheduling of Facilities

After reviewing the plans for practices and games submitted by the CCO, the City shall be solely responsible for scheduling the use of all facilities. The CCO will submit the plans for practices and games at least one (1) week prior to each applicable season.

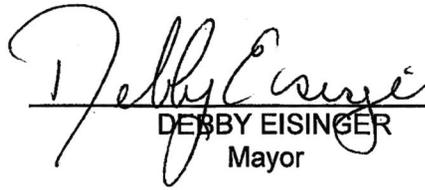
The City's designee shall attempt to resolve any dispute or disagreements stemming from the implementation of this Sports Plan.

#### G. City Commission Obligation

It is the obligation of the City Commission to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all the citizens of Cooper City. Anything in this plan is subject to the ultimate control and approval of the Commission, and the Commission has the continuing right to make any changes in the Plan which works to the benefit of the City and its residents. The City shall have a continuing right to withdraw the approval of the Cooper City Optimist Club if the Commission decides that the residents of the City are not being properly served by the recognized sports organization.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall be in force and take full effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D., 2012.

  
DEBBY EISINGER  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
SUSAN POLING  
City Clerk

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Eisinger	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mallozzi	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Sims	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Curran	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Green	<u>Yes</u>