

RESOLUTION NO. 23-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SPONSOR, SUPPORT, AND ENACT LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF OUT-OF-SERVICE UTILITY POLES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE REMOVAL OR RELOCATION OF WIRES AND OTHER UNNECESSARY UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE ATTACHED TO SUCH UNUSED POLES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida utility companies have undertaken State-wide efforts to harden the State's utility infrastructure by replacing aging, wooden utility poles ("Redundant Poles") with newer and more fortified concrete poles; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, the wires and utility infrastructure attached to Redundant Poles belong to utility companies other than the pole owners and, therefore, are not removed from the Redundant Poles, resulting in the proliferation of superfluous wires and other unnecessary utility infrastructure throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of Redundant Poles and unneeded wires and other utility infrastructure throughout the City negatively affects the aesthetic nature of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Redundant Poles and other unnecessary utility infrastructure pose a potential risk to the life, health, and welfare of the City's residents since they are often located along commercial and residential neighborhoods and may not receive routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City to urge the Florida legislature to sponsor, support, and enact legislation requiring the removal of Redundant Poles and the removal or relocation of unnecessary wires and other unneeded utility infrastructure.

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

Section 1: **Recitals Adopted.** That each of the above stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed. All exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Section 2. **Request to Florida Legislature.** The City Commission hereby requests the Florida legislature to sponsor, support, and enact legislation requiring the removal of Redundant Poles and the removal or relocation of unnecessary wires and other unneeded utility infrastructure from the public right-of-way.

Section 3. **Transmittal.** The City Clerk is directed to submit a certified copy of this Resolution to the President of the Florida Senate and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the elected State Senators and Representatives of the Broward Delegation, the Executive Director of the Broward Delegation, the Broward League of Cities and such other authorities as may be appropriate.

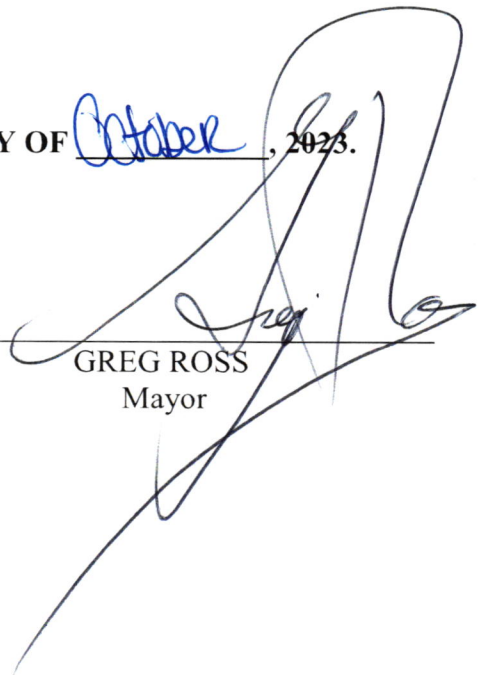
Section 4. **Conflicts.** All resolutions inconsistent or in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed insofar as there is conflict or inconsistency.

Section 5. **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

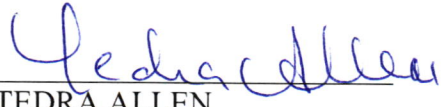
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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF October, 2023.



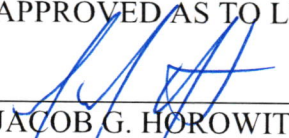
GREG ROSS
Mayor

ATTEST:



TEDRA ALLEN
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



JACOB G. HOROWITZ
City Attorney

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ross	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Green	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Shrouder	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Katzman	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Mallozzi	<u>yes</u>