

NCSPHS AMENDMENT

The Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee offers the following amendment to File No. 2025-600:

- (1) On **page 1, lines 11-12, strike** "FLORIDA STATUTES" and **insert** "*FLORIDA STATUTES*";
- (2) On **page 1, line 12, strike** "STATUTES;" **insert** "STATUTES AND UPDATE THE PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING FEE REVENUE; AMENDING SECTION 634.107 (DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY PROGRAMS), CHAPTER 634 (FINES AND COSTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN THE FEE COLLECTED BY THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS TO \$5.00; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE, ONCE ENACTED, TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING A PROSPECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2026, FOR THE INCREASE TO THE FEE AMOUNT COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 111.390 AND 634.107, *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE;";
- (3) On **page 2, line 3, strike** "* * *" and **insert** the following:

"The Clerk of the Circuit Court will keep a record of monies collected under this Ordinance. On a monthly basis, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall forward all monies collected under this Ordinance in the previous month to the City for deposit into a special and separate account titled "Driver Education Safety Trust Fund".

(b) Monies deposited into the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund shall be used to financially assist driver education safety programs in public and nonpublic schools in Duval

County. Pursuant to Section 318.1215, Florida Statutes,
the funds shall be used for enhancement, and not
replacement, of driver education program funds. The funds
shall be used for direct educational expenses and shall
not be used for administration costs. For purposes hereof,
the term "direct educational expenses" shall include, but
is not limited to, the following types of expenses: motor
vehicle, gas, motor vehicle maintenance, instructor
salaries and license fees, driving simulators, required
driving equipment, videos, compact discs and audio tapes,
books and written materials, classroom supplies, motor
vehicle insurance, motor vehicle licenses and tags,
additional equipment required by the State, and any
additional equipment required to accommodate the special
needs population for driver education.

- (c) Grant applicants, including public and nonpublic schools,
shall apply for funding ~~disbursement~~ from the trust fund
by submitting an application to the Grants and Contract
Compliance Division of the Finance Department annually by
March 1, which may be extended at the discretion of the
grant program administrator, using the form provided by
the Grants and Contract Compliance Division~~pursuant to~~
~~the procedures set forth in Chapter 118, Ordinance Code.~~
A grant program administrator shall be designated by the
Chief of the Grants and Contract Compliance Division~~Grant~~
~~Program Administrator in the Department of Recreation and~~
~~Parks shall be designated by the Mayor.~~ In order to
receive funds from the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund,

eligible grant applicants shall agree to comply with the applicable grant program procedures defined in Parts 1 through 5 of Chapter 118, Ordinance Code, and shall certify that behind-the-wheel training will comprise at least 30 percent of a student's time in the program.

- (d) The funds shall be disbursed to the grantees on a quarterly basis. The Finance ~~and Administration~~ Department shall not disburse funds that have not been budgeted, nor shall disbursement exceed available cash in the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund. Monies that have not been disbursed at the end of each fiscal year shall be retained for in the trust fund for disbursement in the following fiscal year.

~~(c) Grant funds will be allocated annually to public and nonpublic schools based on the calculation of the total number of students enrolled in grades 9-12 on the twentieth school day of the immediately preceding school year in each approved application divided by the total number of students in all schools receiving grant funds.~~

- (e) Upon receipt of the grant application and evaluation of the above listed information, the Grants and Contract Compliance Division ~~Department of Recreation and Parks~~ shall allocate a proportionate share of the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund revenues to public and nonpublic school grant applicants based on the calculation of the total number of students enrolled in grades 9-12 on the twentieth school day of the immediately preceding school year.

(f) All public and nonpublic schools with students in grades 9-12 that offer driver education instruction programs are eligible to apply for a grant under this Ordinance.

(g) In order to maintain eligibility for grant funding, grant applicants must employ teachers that have received all relevant State certifications and that have passed applicable criminal background checks. ~~Additional criteria that may be considered as a basis for grant selection include, but are not limited to, the following:~~

~~(1) The number of years the grant applicant has administered a driver education program;~~

~~(2) The number of students who have successfully completed the grant applicant's driver education program in the last year of operation;~~

~~(3) The extent to which the grant applicant's curriculum meets all applicable local, State and federal guidelines for driver education program.~~

~~Final approval of grant awards shall be made by the Council upon recommendation by the Mayor.~~

The Grants and Contract Compliance Division is hereby authorized to enter into contracts in the form approved by the Office of General Counsel with qualified applicants pursuant to the process described above."

(4) On **page 2, line 3½, insert** a new Section 2 to read as follows:

"Section 2. Amending Section 634.107 (Driver Education Safety Programs), Chapter 634 (Fines and Costs), Ordinance Code. Section 634.107 (Driver Education Safety Programs),

Chapter 634 (Fines and Costs), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 634 - FINES AND COSTS

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Sec. 634.107. - Driver Education Safety Programs.

Pursuant to the authority granted in F.S. § 318.1215, a sum of \$5 ~~\$3~~ shall be collected as a cost by both the circuit and County Court in the County with each civil traffic penalty issued in Duval County. Said assessment and such other moneys as become available for establishing and operating Driver Education Safety programs in Duval County, under provision of Florida law, collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, pursuant to F.S. § 318.1215, shall be deposited into a Fund account specifically for the operation and administration of Driver Education Safety programs.”;

- (5) Renumber the remaining Sections accordingly;
- (6) On **page 2, line 11 ½**, **insert** a new Section 4 and Section 5 to read as follows:

“Section 3. Directive to Chief of Legislative Services Division. The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to forward a copy of this legislation, once enacted, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Duval County, Florida.

Section 4. Providing a Prospective Date for Increase to the Fee for Driver Education Programs to Become Effective. The increased fee amount of \$5.00 for driver education programs collected pursuant to Section 111.390 and Section 634.107, *Ordinance Code*, shall become effective on January 1, 2026.”;

- (7) Renumber the remaining Section accordingly;
- (8) On **page 1, line 1**, amend the introductory sentence to add that the bill was amended as reflected herein.

Form Approved:

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Office of General Counsel

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