

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2026-318

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Johnson

**Date of Introduction:** April 28, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** F, NCSPHS, R

**Date of Analysis:** April 28, 2026

**Type of Action:** *Ordinance Code* amendment

**Bill Summary:** This bill amends Section 609.109, *Ordinance Code*, to update schedule “A1” relating to court costs by adding a filing fee of \$10 for violations of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code, in accordance with Section 34.045, *Florida Statutes*. It also amends Section 634.102, *Ordinance Code*, to correct statutory references for the collection of court costs and add a new subsection for assessing a filing fee for violations of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code.

**Background Information:** Various Florida statutes authorize the courts and local governments to assess certain court costs and filing fees for violations of municipal ordinances. Specifically, subsections 34.045(1)(a) and (c), *Florida Statutes*, authorize a \$10 filing fee to be assessed against a person when they do not contest a municipal code violation or when the county or municipality is the prevailing party in the enforcement action, regardless of adjudication. Subsection 34.045(1)(b), *Florida Statutes*, permits the courts to assess \$40 in court costs against a person who unsuccessfully contests a municipal code violation in court. Section 938.01(1), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the assessment of \$3 in court costs for every person convicted of a violation of a municipal or county ordinance. Section 938.15, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes municipalities and counties to assess an additional \$2 in court costs for criminal justice education degree programs and training courses for certain qualified personnel. Sections 938.19(1) and (2), *Florida Statutes*, permit courts to assess \$3 in court costs against a person who has been convicted of violating a municipal or county ordinance, and Section 634.108 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code includes a statutorily required reference to Section 938.19, *Florida Statutes*, regarding a mandatory court cost for Teen Courts.

Currently, Section 609.109 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code authorizes the collection of \$5 in costs for violations of pertinent municipal code provisions and subsection 634.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, incorrectly references inapplicable state law for \$2 as costs. It is necessary to amend pertinent sections of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code to correctly align with state law for assessing court costs and filing fees for violations of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code.

**Policy Impact Area:** Ordinance Code, code enforcement, court fines and filing fees

**Fiscal Impact:** No cost to the City.

**Analyst:** Russell