

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and
3 Safety Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2025-600-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 111.390 (DRIVER
8 EDUCATION SAFETY TRUST FUND), PART 3 (PUBLIC
9 SAFETY AND COURTS), CHAPTER 111 (SPECIAL REVENUE
10 AND TRUST ACCOUNTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO INCREASE
11 THE CIVIL TRAFFIC PENALTY FROM \$3.00 TO \$5.00
12 CONSISTENT WITH THE DORI SLOSBERG DRIVER
13 EDUCATION SAFETY ACT, SECTION 318.1215, *FLORIDA*
14 *STATUTES*, AND UPDATE THE PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING
15 FEE REVENUE; AMENDING SECTION 634.107 (DRIVER
16 EDUCATION SAFETY PROGRAMS), CHAPTER 634 (FINES
17 AND COSTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO REFLECT AN
18 INCREASE IN THE FEE COLLECTED BY THE CIRCUIT AND
19 COUNTY COURTS TO \$5.00; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF
20 THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD A
21 COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE, ONCE ENACTED, TO THE
22 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, DUVAL COUNTY,
23 FLORIDA; PROVIDING A PROSPECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY
24 1, 2026, FOR THE INCREASE TO THE FEE AMOUNT
25 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 111.390 AND
26 634.107, *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE;
27 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;
28 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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30 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

31 **Section 1. Amending Section 111.390 (Driver Education**

1 **Safety Trust Fund), Part 3 (Public Safety and Courts), Chapter 111**
 2 **(Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), Ordinance Code.** Section 111.390
 3 (Driver Education Safety Trust Fund), Part 3 (Public Safety and
 4 Courts), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), *Ordinance*
 5 *Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 **CHAPTER 111. SPECIAL REVENUE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS**

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8 **PART 3. PUBLIC SAFETY AND COURTS**

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10 **Sec. 111.390. - Driver Education Safety Trust Fund.**

11 (a) There is hereby created a trust fund to be known as the Driver
 12 Education Safety Trust Fund (Fund) established pursuant to
 13 the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act (F.S. §
 14 318.1215). The Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Duval
 15 County, shall levy an additional \$5 ~~\$3~~ with each civil traffic
 16 penalty issued in Duval County and deposit all monies
 17 collected into the Fund.

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

24 (b) Monies deposited into the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund
 25 shall be used to financially assist driver education safety
 26 programs in public and nonpublic schools in Duval County.
 27 Pursuant to Section 318.1215, Florida Statutes, the funds
 28 shall be used for enhancement, and not replacement, of driver
 29 education program funds. The funds shall be used for direct
 30 educational expenses and shall not be used for administration
 31 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

1 Safety Trust Fund. Monies that have not been disbursed at the
2 end of each fiscal year shall be retained for in the trust
3 fund for disbursement in the following fiscal year.

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

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

18 (f) All public and nonpublic schools with students in grades 9-
19 12 that offer driver education instruction programs are
20 eligible to apply for a grant under this Ordinance.

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

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

29 ~~(2) The number of students who have successfully completed~~
30 ~~the grant applicant's driver education program in the~~
31 ~~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.

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.

Section 3. Codification Instructions. The Codifier and the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth herein, including renumbering of sections. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to make the *Ordinance Code* consistent

1 with the intent of this legislation are approved and directed herein,
2 and the changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall be made forthwith and
3 when inconsistencies are discovered.

4 **Section 4. Directive to Chief of Legislative Services**
5 **Division.** The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby
6 directed to forward a copy of this legislation, once enacted, to the
7 Clerk of the Circuit Court, Duval County, Florida.

8 **Section 5. Providing a Prospective Date for Increase to the**
9 **Fee for Driver Education Programs to Become Effective.** The increased
10 fee amount of \$5.00 for driver education programs collected pursuant
11 to Section 111.390 and Section 634.107, *Ordinance Code*, shall become
12 effective on January 1, 2026.

13 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Dylan Reingold

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