

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-574

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: July 26, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: July 27, 2022

Type of Action: Ordinance amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), *Ordinance Code* to create a new Part 17 (Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety). This bill prohibits: the use of the public rights-of-way in a manner that interferes with the safe and efficient movement of people and property from place to place on a public road; any person to stop, stand, or otherwise occupy or remain in a median on any designated roadway when that person is not in the process of lawfully crossing the road; any physical interaction between a pedestrian and an occupant of a motor vehicle, including but not limited to the transfer of any product or material, while the motor vehicle is not legally parked; any use of public right-of-way for commercial activity.

Penalties for violations include: a civil penalty of up to \$100; an educational notice from the Sheriff's Office; for the second violation, the offender will also be given an official warning and may be trespassed; third violation, a civil citation may be issued; for fourth violation, the offender may be arrested or given a notice to appear, as applicable, with a maximum of 10 days penalty if the violator is arrested and convicted; each incident occurring more than every twenty (20) minutes after the violation has been corrected shall constitute a separate violation.

Background Information: In a study dated September 2021, the Florida Department of Transportation evaluated Florida pedestrian and bicycle safety strategies and recommended enhanced "legislation, regulations, policies and programs to support the overall goal of eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes involving people walking and biking." In 2022, Jacksonville was identified as the sixth worst municipality in the country for pedestrian deaths as a result of being struck by vehicles. From January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, Duval County experienced a total of 492 vehicle/pedestrian crashes, with 48 fatalities.

Policy Impact Area: Traffic safety

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined enforcement costs to the City

Analyst: Hampsey