

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PINELLAS,
PROVIDING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE
BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 122 OF
SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO
CHAPTER 122, SECTION 3 RELATED TO THE DORI
SLOSBERG DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY ACT;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING
FOR AREAS EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR
INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the State of Florida established the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act in 2004 under Florida Statute 318.1215; and

WHEREAS, the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act allows counties to require the clerk of the court to collect an additional fee with each civil traffic penalty, to be used to fund driver education programs in public and nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County previously adopted Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122-3. Driver Education Safety Trust Fund in support of the implementation of the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Act through the Pinellas County School Board in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida amended the original fee from \$3.00 to allow for up to \$5.00 per violation; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County School Board has seen significant demand and capacity challenges for driver education courses and is experiencing increased costs to sustain efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County School Board has requested the local fee be adjusted to \$5.00 to align with the statutory maximum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Chapter 122, Article I, Section 122-3 of the Pinellas County Code is hereby amended as set forth below.

Sec. 122-3. Driver education safety trust fund.

(a) Pursuant to the "Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act," the clerk of the circuit court shall collect an additional \$5.00 with each civil traffic penalty levied in Pinellas County, to be used for driver education safety programs.

(b) All funds collected under this section shall be deposited into a special account entitled "Driver Education Safety Trust Fund."

SECTION 2. Severability. If any Section, Subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. Areas Embraced. This Ordinance shall be effective in the incorporated as well as unincorporated areas of the County.

SECTION 4. Inclusion in Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Pinellas County Code and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word “ordinance” may be changed to section, article or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 5. Filing of Ordinance; Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66 Fla. Stat., a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Cody J. Ward
Office of the County Attorney