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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Darby**

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of this City Council to craft legislation that facilitates a safe, organized, and well-maintained municipality while upholding the values of fairness and equity for all Wilmingtonians; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 37 of the Wilmington City Code articulates what is permissible and prohibited for the orderly functioning of traffic and parking. Regulations associated with parking enforcement are among the most salient for residents and visitors to our City; and

WHEREAS, the economic effects of parking fines and fees can be substantial for disadvantaged communities. Failure to comply with parking laws can result in mounting debt for motorists. Inability to pay debts can lead to a cascade of financial difficulties, and, in some instances, adversely impact our most economically vulnerable residents' access to reliable transportation. While the intent of fines and fees is to incentivize compliance with the law. These penalties should not be so burdensome that they negatively impact citizens' well-being or inhibit equal access to opportunity; and

WHEREAS, given the scope and complexity of this aspect of public services, a conscientious, periodic review of parking regulations, including associated fees and fines, is necessary to develop and maintain a system of enforcement that is relevant to Wilmington's needs; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Fees and Fines Taskforce will pursue the objective of assessing existing parking enforcement laws, policies, and procedures and advising on regulations that are both reasonable and appropriate to the advancement of a resident- and visitor-friendly City. The Taskforce consists of both legislators and civic leaders who have expressed their

willingness to work collaboratively to evaluate and innovate existing parking fines and fees to develop reforms that are pragmatic and equitable to the present contexts of this municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the members of the Parking Fees and Fines Taskforce appointed by the City Council President of the 108th Session of the City Council and approved by a majority of all members of City Council shall be as follows: District 2 Council Member, Shané N. Darby; Finance & Economic Development Committee Chair, Christofer C. Johnson; Council Member At-Large, Maria D. Cabrera; Shyanne Miller of Network Delaware; Coby Owens of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Kailyn Richards of Delaware Center for Justice; Haneef Saleem of South Bridge Civic Association; Jennifer Thompkins of Wilmington Urban League; Christian Willauer of the Fifth District Neighborhood Planning Council; David Ross, 4th District Neighborhood Planning Council; and Andre Harris, 3rd District Civic Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these individuals shall be responsible for making findings and recommendations to City Council regarding parking fines and fees, as well as any remedial action that the City of Wilmington should pursue to better embody the values of safety, order, fairness, and equity with the parking code.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution appoints members to the Parking Fines and Fees Taskforce. The Taskforce will work collaboratively to evaluate and innovate existing parking enforcement laws, policies, and procedures and advise on regulations that are both reasonable and appropriate to the advancement of a resident- and visitor-friendly City.