

Wilmington, Delaware  
December 7, 2023

**#0370**

**WHEREAS**, *Fines & Fees Taskforce* (hereinafter the "Taskforce"), was established by

**Sponsor:**

Resolution No. 22-069 and its members named in Resolution 23-001 as amended; and

**Council  
Member  
Darby**

**WHEREAS**, the aim of the Taskforce is to review fees, fines, and administrative sanctions levied by the City of Wilmington in order “to ensure fairness in the administrative process”; and

**WHEREAS**, recommendations that the Taskforce deems necessary must be “written and provide the required data points for any recommended changes, such as the fiscal impact and how any deficiency in the budget resulting from the lowering of fees will be covered.” The process of transferring the relevant information and data required to make such determinations to the Taskforce has not been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 22-069 and Resolution 23-001 as amended resolved that the Taskforce findings and recommendations be submitted to the Wilmington City Council “within one-hundred and eighty (180) days of its [the Taskforce’s] appointment.” The Taskforce would be impaired in its ability to provide substantive findings and recommendations based on the information available to its members at present; and

**WHEREAS**, this assessment of the fee, fine, and sanction structures of the City is a complex process that requires careful contemplation. The Taskforce requests an extension in its allotted timeframe, of 180 days from the appointment of its members, as designated by Resolution No. 22-0069 and Resolution 23-001 as amended to March 31, 2024, to allow for the receipt and analysis of relevant data.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Legislative body approves the request of the *Fees and Fines Taskforce*, or the “Taskforce,” to modify the timeframe for presenting findings and recommendations to the City Council to March 31, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is the expectation of this Legislative body that the Taskforce will develop findings and, if warranted, recommendations, including but not limited to, an assessment of the fairness and equity of the fees, fines, and sanctions administered by the City, as well as guidance on alternative approaches to the enforcement of Code violations within the revised timeframe.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution amends Resolution No. 22-069 and Resolution 23-001 as amended to modify the date of submission for the findings and recommendations of the *Fees and Fines Taskforce*, or the “Taskforce,” to March 31, 2024.