

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Spadola**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council annually allocates a total of \$25,000 to Council's Travel Fund, which supports travel and professional development expenses; and

WHEREAS, in previous fiscal years, Council's Travel Fund account line has been available by request to cover qualifying costs associated with attending conferences, enrolling in continuing education opportunities, and related activities. Utilization of these funds varies for each Council Member from year to year due to the lack of professional development opportunities that align with their priorities, prior obligations, or other factors; and

WHEREAS, under the current structure, Council Members are not permitted to redirect their proportion of the available travel/ professional development funding to other activities, such as community support, in fiscal years where they do not make a qualifying request; and

WHEREAS, the Council budget also includes an account line for Community Support/Discretionary Funds. These funds allow Council Members flexibility to offer direct financial support to local non-profit organizations and community-driven initiatives that contribute to the well-being of City residents; and

WHEREAS, dividing the \$25,000 Travel Fund equally amongst the 13 Council Members and incorporating an additional \$1,923.07 into each Council Member's Community Support/Discretionary Funds would maximize the impact of these funds in a manner that is both flexible and responsive to community priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body deems it appropriate to divide the \$25,000 in the

FY2027 proposed for the Travel Funds account line to incorporate an additional \$1,923.07 into each Council Member's Community Support/Discretionary Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposed use of the funds previously designated exclusively for travel/ professional development activities would increase each Council Member's capacity to direct funds they do not expend on professional development activities in FY2027 towards community support activities.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution proposes that the \$25,000 allotted for Council's professional development/ travel activities be divided equally amongst the 13 Council Members and incorporated into each Council Member's Community Support/Discretionary Funds. This change would increase each Council Member's capacity to direct funds they do not expend on professional development activities in FY2027 towards community support activities.