

**Business Impact Estimate Form (see F.S. § 125.66(3)(a))**

**For:**

**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.**

This Ordinance is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the Pinellas County Commission on August 19, 2025 at 6:00PM at Pinellas County Communications – Palm Room, 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756

*\* Unless an attachment is expressly referenced, the content in this Form encompasses the entire Business Impact Estimate for the Ordinance.*

**1. Summary of the Ordinance, including a statement of the public purpose to be served by the Ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the County:** *[This Section does not need to be lengthy. The Recitals ("WHEREAS" Clauses), or the "Purpose" or "Legislative Intent" Sections of the Ordinance, may be helpful to reference.]*

*This ordinance implements the established fee on civil traffic infractions under the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Act created within Florida Statute 318.1215. The proposed amendment aligns the ordinance with state statute by changing from an existing \$3.00 per infraction to the existing allowable fee of \$5.00 per infraction as revised in statute. The revenue collected from the imposed fee are used to fund Driver Education classes through the Pinellas County School Board.*

**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.

**2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the Ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County, including the following, if any:**

The amendment will have no impact on local businesses. The ordinance is already in place and the fee is assessed on civil traffic infractions. Funds are collected through the Clerk's Office and dispersed to the School Board to sustain Driver Education classes.

**3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the Proposed Ordinance:**  
*[This Section is self-explanatory: All that is required is a good faith estimate of the number (note: not costs) of businesses likely to be impacted.]*

No businesses are impacted by this ordinance amendment.

**4. Any additional information the BCC deems useful:** *[This Section is not legally required.]*

This ordinance amends Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122-3, related to the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act (Dori Slosberg) to increase the current locally collected fee of \$3.00 per each civil traffic penalty to the maximum of \$5.00 per case as allowed within Florida Statute 318.1215.

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners originally implemented Dori Slosberg on February 7, 2006, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 06-14 to establish a \$3.00 penalty on each civil traffic case with funds directed to the PCSB to support driver education programs.

On April 17, 2007, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-51 to facilitate ongoing dispersal of collected fees to the School Board.

In summer 2024, PCSB reports that approximately 800 students couldn't participate due to limited capacity. Proactive steps have been taken to expand offerings, including the development of quarterly after-school camps and increasing summer camp opportunities. The increased Dori Slosberg fee will help with funding to sustain and further develop these initiatives. PCSB anticipates an increase in students participating and an expansion of the number of schools and camps offering driver education.

In the current school year, 240 students have completed after school camps and approximately 970 students were enrolled in summer camps for driver's education. The additional revenue will help the School Board with sustaining needed program enhancements and capacity.