



Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

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RESOLUTION 2011-6

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND PENDING ORDINANCE 2011-541 TO RESTRICT THE USE OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE HANDICAPPED PARKING FINES TRUST FUND TO PURPOSES CLEARLY AUTHORIZED IN THE ORDINANCE CODE FOR USE OF THAT FUND

WHEREAS, the TRUE Commission has the authority and responsibility to gather information on the soundness of the City's current and long-term financial status including long range projections and unfunded liabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Commission to provide important information on and raise public awareness of public finance issues by encouraging in-depth media coverage of these issues and by meeting with community, neighborhood, and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Code Chapter 804 provides that the Handicapped Parking Fines Trust Fund shall be used "to improve accessibility and equal opportunity to qualified physically disabled persons in the county and to provide funds to conduct public awareness programs in the county concerning physically disabled persons"; and

WHEREAS, pending Ordinance 2011-541 proposes to expend revenues of the Handicapped Parking Fines Trust Fund for a variety of purposes, including several which the TRUE Commission believes do not meet the purposes established in the Ordinance Code, including the purchase of tickets to a Jacksonville Jaguars game for persons with disabilities and food and beverage expenses for the Mayor's Disability Council retreat and "Parking Posse" training sessions; and

WHEREAS, the TRUE Commission believes the uses of this trust fund should be restricted to those purposes clearly outlined in the enabling legislation and should not be expended for other purposes which, as admirable as they may be, do not meet the letter or spirit of the law; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TRUE Commission hereby requests that the City Council amend pending Ordinance 2011-541 before passage to restrict the uses of the Handicapped Parking Fines Trust Fund to those specifically authorized in Ordinance Code Section 804.1012.

Adopted by an 11-0 vote of the Commission this 1st day of September, 2011.

Marc Majed El Hassan
Chairman