

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-R56**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CITY OF FORT PIERCE PROGRAM TO BE KNOWN AS “**FOOD FOR FINES**”; ALLOWING FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN PARKING CITATIONS, OR PORTION THEREOF, TO BE PAID WITH DONATIONS OF CANNED FOOD OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATES.

**WHEREAS**, St. Lucie County has the largest number of food insecure individuals on the Treasure Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, for a limited period of time, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce desires to allow motorists to pay all or a portion of their parking fines with donated canned goods or pre-packaged non-perishable food items; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the program is to raise awareness about and generate donations to feed the hungry during the holiday season; and

**WHEREAS**, the food items collected through the Food for Fines program will be donated by the City of Fort Pierce to the Treasure Coast Food Bank, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, for distribution in the Fort Pierce area; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, as follows:

- a) Donated canned food items: \$2.00 per approved food item at a maximum credit of \$50.00 will be applied toward payment of a current parking citation issued between November 7, 2023 – December 31, 2023. Current parking citations are those issued on or between the afore set out dates and paid on or before 30 days from the date issued; and
- b) Only one citation per motorist is eligible; and
- c) Damaged, expired or opened items will not be accepted; and
- d) This option shall be available only to “first offenders”; and
- e) This option shall not be available for any handicapped parking violations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

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LINDA HUDSON, MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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LINDA W. COX, CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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AND CORRECTNESS:

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SARA HEDGES  
CITY ATTORNEY