

Introduced by: Council Member Wilson

Adopted: January 16, 2018

**RESOLUTION NO. 2001-2018**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE  
BEACH URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EN-  
ACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MAKE TEXTING  
WHILE DRIVING A PRIMARY OFFENSE.**

**WHEREAS**, of the 47 states that have banned texting while driving, all but four have made texting while driving a primary offense, while Florida is among the four states that do not enforce texting while driving as a primary offense, but instead as a secondary offense, and;

**WHEREAS**, a secondary offense is an offense for which a law enforcement officer can issue a ticket only if a driver has been pulled over for committing another traffic violation, and;

**WHEREAS**, texting while driving is a form of distracted driving, and;

**WHEREAS**, distracted driving claimed 3,477 lives in 2015, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, texting while driving includes all three types of driver distraction including visual, manual, and cognitive distraction, and;

**WHEREAS**, the National Safety Council reports that the risk of a crash is 4 times more when a cell phone is in use, and;

**WHEREAS**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that texting drivers take their eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, which at the speed of 55mph is equivalent to driving the length of a football field, and;

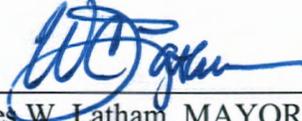
**WHEREAS**, the degree of cognitive distraction associated with mobile phone use is so high that drivers using mobile phones exhibit greater impairment than legally intoxicated drivers, according to a University of Utah study, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Jacksonville Beach urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would make texting while driving a primary offense.

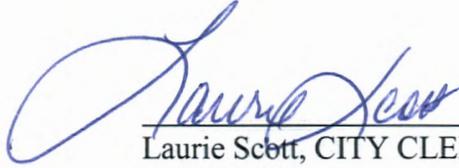
**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

AUTHENTICATED this 16 day of January, 2018.



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Charles W. Latham, MAYOR



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Laurie Scott, CITY CLERK