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ORDINANCE NO. 76-10

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING LITTERING ON ALL COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS, ALL BEACHES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS OF NASSAU COUNTY. PROHIBITING CAMPING ON COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS OR ON ANY PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS OR IN ANY RESTRICTED AREA IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF NASSAU COUNTY. PROHIBITING THE USE OF GLASS CONTAINERS ON THE BEACHES AND IN ALL RECREATIONAL AREAS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF NASSAU COUNTY: REQUIRING THE CONTROL OF HORSES; PROHIBITING VEHICULAR EXCESSIVE SPEED AND CARELESS AND RECKLESS VEHICLE OPERATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the County Commission finds that the health and well-being of the Citizens of Nassau County is being threatened by the littering of the recreational areas, beaches and road right of ways of the unincorporated areas of Nassau County, and

WHEREAS, the County Commission further finds that the poor sanitation conditions caused by overnight camping in these areas is a threat to the health and well being of the citizens of Nassau County, and

WHEREAS, the County Commission further finds that the use of glass containers, because of the harm caused by the material making up the container, is a threat to the health and well-being of the citizens of Nassau County, and

WHEREAS, the County Commission further finds that uncontrolled horses on the beaches pose a threat to the citizens of Nassau County,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION that this Ordinance be passed to include the following:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS: LITTERING is the placing by any manner whatsoever upon the beaches, County right-of-ways, or other recreational areas any material, whether organic or inorganic and allowing that material to remain.

RESTRICTED AREAS are those areas which are within Two Hundred Feet (200') North and Two Hundred Feet (200') South from the centerline of any public beach access.

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Section 2. VIOLATIONS:

(1) It shall be unlawful and it is hereby prohibited for any person or persons to litter any County right-of-way, recreational area or beaches of Nassau County. All litter shall be placed in the receptacles provided or carried away by the visitor from these areas.

(2) Camping is prohibited on County right-of-ways or any public beach access. The parking lot at the Nassau Sound Toll bridge on AIA is excluded. No vehicles shall interfere with the flow of traffic.

No camping or parked vehicles are allowed in restricted areas.

No vehicles, camping, or fishing equipment will be positioned in such a way as to interfere with the flow of vehicular and other traffic at any time laterally along the beach. Fishing lines are to be positioned so that they will not interfere with vehicular traffic.

It shall be unlawful to create a public disturbance or leave camping areas in a littered fashion.

(3) The use of any glass containers on the beaches and in all recreational areas of the unincorporated areas of Nassau County is hereby prohibited.

(4) Absolutely no vehicles or horses are allowed on the dunes or vegetation or in restricted areas. Horses shall be under the control of the rider at all times. Horses shall be governed under the established traffic and littering laws.

(5) It is unlawful to exceed vehicular speed limit of fifteen miles per hour (15 m.p.h) or operate a vehicle in a careless or reckless manner.

Section 3. PENALTIES:

(1) Any violation of any portion of Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be a separate violation of this Ordinance and upon conviction in the County Court the violator may be fined up to \$500.00.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be effective upon becoming law.

DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session this 12th day of August, 1976.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: John F. Armstrong Sr.
John F. Armstrong, Sr.
Chairman

ATTEST: D. O. Oxley
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Ex-Officio Clerk