

ORDINANCE 87-1

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A SERVICE CHARGE ON CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS TO FUND THE FAMILY MEDIATION UNIT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 44.101, FLORIDA STATUTES; IMPOSING A SERVICE CHARGE OF TWO DOLLARS ON ALL CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS FILED IN NASSAU COUNTY IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; ESTABLISHING A FAMILY MEDIATION UNIT TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF THE SERVICE CHARGE FUNDS TO THE FAMILY MEDIATION UNIT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit has issued a directive and requested all contested custody and visitation matter be sent to Family Mediation.

WHEREAS, Certain costs are incurred as a result of said Family Mediation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida that:

SECTION I: Service Charge Imposed -

There is hereby imposed a service charge of two dollars (\$2.00) upon every Circuit Court proceeding filed in Nassau County for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. This service charge shall be known as the Family Mediation Unit Service Charge.

SECTION II: Manner of Collection -

The Family Mediation Unit Service Charge shall be collected by Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nassau County upon the filing of all proceedings in the Circuit Court of the fourth Judicial Circuit within Nassau County, Florida.

SECTION III: Purpose of Service Charge -

The Service Charge shall be used to pay for the expenditures incurred by the Family Mediation Unit of the Fourth Judicial Circuit as set forth in Chapter 44.101, Florida Statutes.

SECTION IV: Legislative Authority -

This Chapter is enacted pursuant to the authority contained in Chapter 44.101, Florida Statutes.

SECTION V: Family Mediation Unit Trust Fund -

There is hereby created the Family Mediation Unit Trust Fund, a permanent trust fund of the County into which monies derived from the service charge imposed herein, shall be deposited. Such monies as they are deposited in the trust fund are hereby appropriated for the purpose of funding the Family Mediation Unit for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. The Clerk of the Court is hereby authorized to make disbursements from this trust fund upon the written request of the Chief Judge or Court Administrator for the purposes of this section. The trust fund shall be subject to review and audit.

SECTION VI: Effective Date -

This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature pursuant to Law.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BY: James E. Testone  
JAMES E. TESTONE, Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: T.J. Greeson  
T.J. GREESON  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk