

ORDINANCE 2001 - 02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2000-13, WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE AUTHORITY OF LIFEGUARDS IN NASSAU COUNTY; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 7 - SAILBOATS, WINDSURF BOARDS AND SAILBOARDS, AND SECTION 8 - PERSONAL WATER CRAFT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, utilizes lifeguards for the protection of the public on certain areas of the Atlantic coast beaches; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure the protection of the public, the lifeguard corps needs specific authority in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the authority and provisions set forth in this Ordinance are in the best interest for the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has found it in the best interest of the citizens of Nassau County that Ordinance 2000-13 be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 22nd day of January, 2001, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance 2000-13 be amended as follows:

1. SECTION 7. SAILBOATS, WINDSURF BOARDS, AND SAILBOARDS

No person shall operate a sailboat closer than ~~six~~ five hundred feet (~~600'~~ 500') from the water's edge, except to go to and from the shore by the most direct means possible in a safe and reasonable manner. Sailboats must be pulled west of the lifeguard towers while parked on the beach during daylight hours. Any lifeguard has the authority to order anyone violating this Section out of the water as well as utilizing the assistance of the Nassau County Sheriff's Department.

2. SECTION 8. PERSONAL WATER CRAFT AND BOATS

No person, except a Nassau County lifeguard or law enforcement officer, shall operate in the ocean or launch from the beach a personal water craft, except on that portion of the ocean or beach, no closer than fifteen hundred feet (1,500') in either direction of the lifeguard tower.


No person shall operate a personal water craft or boat closer than five hundred feet (500') from the water's edge, except to go to and from the shore by the most direct means possible at idle speed.

3. SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective according to

law.

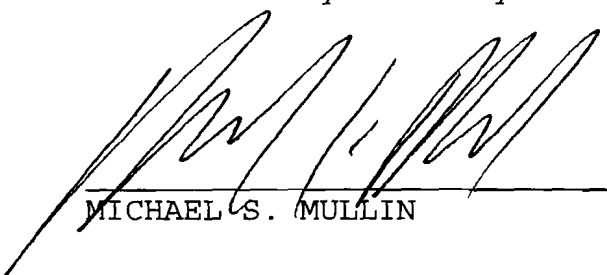
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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


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ATTEST:


J. M. "CHIP" O'LEARY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney


MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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