

ORDINANCE NO. 81-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 76-10 OF ORDINANCES OF NASSAU COUNTY ESTABLISHING THE OMNIBUS BEACH CONTROL ACT OF 1980 PROHIBITING LITTERING, USE OF GLASS CONTAINERS, CAMPING IN CERTAIN AREAS; ESTABLISHING PARKING AND TRAFFIC DIRECTION IN CERTAIN AREAS; REQUIRING THE CONTROL OF HORSES; PROHIBITING EXCESSIVE VEHICULAR SPEED AND CARELESS AND RECKLESS VEHICLE OPERATION; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF OTHER ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Commission finds that the health and well-being of the citizens of Nassau County are being threatened by littering, the use of glass containers and unrestricted camping on the beaches contiguous to the Atlantic Ocean, and

WHEREAS, the Commission further finds that the unrestricted use of vehicles, horses and other animals on the beaches contiguous to the Atlantic Ocean is a threat to the health and well being of the citizens of Nassau County.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commission that this Ordinance be passed to include the following:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

1.) LITTERING is the placing by any manner whatsoever upon the Atlantic Beaches any material, whether organic or inorganic and allowing that material to remain.

2.) DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS are those areas which are within two hundred yards (200 yds) north of the extension of the centerline of any public beach vehicular access. There shall be no parking in those areas designated as a no parking area by the Commission.

3.) DESIGNATED SWIMMING AND SUNBATHING AREAS are those areas which are not included in the Designated Parking or Designated Driving Areas.

4.) DESIGNATED DRIVING AREAS shall be those areas designated by the City Manager by the placing of pylons as it applies to those areas in the city limits, and by the Civil Defense Director by the placing of pylons as it applies to those areas outside the city limits.

SECTION 2. VIOLATIONS.

1.) It shall be unlawful for traffic to flow on the Atlantic Beaches except as follows:

(a) All traffic on the beach between the Sadler Road access to Belle Glade access shall flow one way southward except when entering a designated parking area. There shall be no parking in those areas designated as no parking areas by the Commission.

(b) All traffic south of the Belle Glade access may be two-way within the designated driving areas.

(c) All traffic north of the Lowenstein Street access may be two-way within the designated driving areas.

(d) No vehicular traffic shall be permitted north of the Designated Parking area at the Sadler Road access and south of the Lowenstein Street access.

(e) Subsections (a) through (d) above shall be effective only during the period of April 1 through September 30 during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

2.) It shall be unlawful and it is hereby prohibited for any person or persons to litter any of the Atlantic Ocean beaches of Nassau County. All litter shall be placed in the receptacles provided or carried away by the visitor from these areas.

3.) (a) Camping is prohibited on any Atlantic Ocean beach unless within a designated camping area by permit and provisions are made for self-contained sanitary waste disposal.

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

4.) The use of any glass containers on the Atlantic Ocean beaches is hereby prohibited.

5.) Absolutely no vehicles or horses are allowed on the dunes or vegetation or outside the designated driving areas. Horses shall be under control of the rider at all times. Horses shall be governed under the established traffic and littering laws. (No horses shall be permitted within the city limits of Fernandina Beach.) (Open fires shall be permitted within the city limits by City permit only.)

6.) 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.

7.) Dogs may be permitted on the Atlantic Ocean beaches but must be under leash at all times as defined by the code of laws and ordinances of Nassau County and their owners shall not permit such dogs to be at large.

SECTION 3. PENALTIES.

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 five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or receive up to ten (10) days incarceration in the County Jail.

SECTION 4.

Any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon becoming law.

DONE and ADOPTED in regular session this 24th day of March, 1981.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: John F. Armstrong Sr.
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Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

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