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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FINE FOR THE VIOLATION OF FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 316.1955, OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00); PROVIDING FOR UTILIZATION OF FINES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, Section 316.008, authorizes a county to enact an ordinance providing for a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a violation of Florida Statutes, Section 316.1955; and

WHEREAS, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, Section 316.1955, makes it unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle within or to obstruct, any such specifically designated and marked parking space unless the requisite Florida Statutes are followed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the maximum fine allowable should be imposed for a violation of the Statutes regulating disabled parking spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this <u>25th</u> day of June, 2001, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. <u>Title:</u> This Ordinance shall be known as the "Disabled Parking Space Regulation Ordinance".

- 2. <u>Purpose:</u> The purpose is to impose the maximum fine allowable by law to deter the utilization of disabled parking spaces by those unauthorized by Florida law.
- 3. <u>Fine:</u> The civil penalty for a non-criminal disposition pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u>, Section 318.14, shall be Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for illegally parking under <u>Florida Statutes</u>, Section 316.1955, in a parking space provided for people who have disabilities. The provisions of <u>Florida Statutes</u>, Section 318.18(6), shall be applicable.

4. Utilization of Fines:

- a. One-third (1/3) of the total fine shall be utilized to defray expenses for administration.
- b. Two-thirds (2/3) of the total fine shall be utilized to provide funds to improve accessibility and equal opportunity to qualified persons who have disabilities in the County and to provide funds to conduct public awareness programs in the County concerning persons who have disabilities.
- 5. <u>Enforcement:</u> It shall be the responsibility of the Nassau County Sheriff's Department to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.
 - 6. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become

effective as provided by law.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

MARIANNE MARSHALL

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR. Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

MICHAEL S. MUILLIN

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