AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NO WAKE ZONE LOCATED IN THE NASSAU RIVER IN THE EDWARDS ROAD, NASSAU LANDING AREA;

WHEREAS, there is considerable damage being done to boats and dock facilities, and;

WHEREAS, said damage is being caused by boating traffic operating at high rates of speed, and;

WHEREAS, the Board has received testimony from the public as to the need for a "No Wake Zone", and;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that there is a safety problem for boats using the designated area, and;

WHEREAS, the Board held a duly publicized public hearing on May 19, 1987.

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

ARTICLE 1. TITLE

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This ordinance shall be known as the Nassau Landing No Wake Zone Ordinance.

ARTICLE 2. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance, together with any and all future amendments tendered, is adopted under the provisions and terms granted by Chapters 125 and 371, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to protect the public safety.

ARTICLE 4. NO WAKE ZONE

There is hereby established a No Wake Zone, said zone being delineated on the Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

ARTICLE 5. DEFINITION

No Wake Zone indicates a restricted or controlled zone to which a vessel cannot proceed at a speed greater than the speed which is necessary to maintain steerage.

A motor boat in a designated no wake zone that is:

(a) Operating on a plane is proceeding at a speed that is greater than necessary to maintain steerage.

(b) In the process of coming off a plane and settling into the water, which creates more than no wake is proceeding at a speed greater than that necessary to maintain steerage.

(c) Completely off plane and which has settled into the water and is proceeding without wake is proceeding at a speed necessary to maintain steerage.

ARTICLE 6. BOAT OPERATION

It shall be unlawful for a person to operate a boat in the designated No Wake Zone area in a manner that creates a wake or at a speed greater than that necessary to maintain steerage.

ARTICLE 7. SIGNS

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The County Engineer's office shall insure that proper signs are placed within the boundaries of the "No Wake Zone". The absence of signs shall not render the No Wake Zone invalid

ARTICLE 8. PENALTIES

Any person or persons who shall violate any privision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed sixty (60) days or both.

ARTICLE 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect pursuant to law.

DONE and ADOPTED in regular session this $\underline{/9}$ day of May, 1987.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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GENE R. BLACKWELDER Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

T. J. Greeson Its: Ex-Officio Clerk





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