

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**  
**1974-02**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, has observed the rapid increase of building construction and proposed plans for future construction along the Gulf of Mexico beaches in South Walton County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, feels that building construction within 250 feet of the water's edge of the Gulf of Mexico at high tide should be approved by the Board of County Commissioners or its authority for the purpose of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Walton County, Florida and to promote the uniform and orderly development along the Gulf beaches, and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Board of County Commissioners can be accomplished by requiring a building permit before construction is commenced within the above-described area, and

WEEREAS, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners should automatically issue said permit unless the Board of County Commissioners should act upon said building permit application within thirty (30) days from the date of application for said permit to the Board, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners feels that no fee should be required for said permit, and

WHEREAS, violation of this ordinance should constitute a misdemeanor and each day of violation should constitute and separate and distinct offense, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners feels that the requirement of building permits as described above constitutes an emergency and should be adopted without public notice,

HOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, as follows:

1. No construction shall commence within 250 feet of the water's edge of the Gulf of Mexico at high tide unless a building permit has been first obtained from the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida,

2. Provided, however, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida shall automatically issue said permit unless the Board of County Commissioners shall consider the permit application within thirty (30) days from the date said application was presented to the Board.

3. No fee shall be required for said permit.

4. Violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor. Each day in violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

5. Any part of this ordinance which shall be declared unconstitutional shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED in regular session this 12th day of February, 1974.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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Hughie Infinger, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Phillip A. Anderson, Clerk