

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ALONG THE PUBLIC BEACHES OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT, AND REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION FEE; PROVIDING FOR A SPEED LIMIT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida has determined that the existing ordinance to govern vehicular traffic along the public beaches of Walton County, needs revising, and

WHEREAS, the Board feels that these revisions will benefit the people of Walton County, Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, that the following rules and regulations be adopted regarding motor vehicular traffic along the public beaches of Walton County, Florida:

Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, to drive an unauthorized vehicle on the beaches of Walton County, in the State of Florida.

Section 2: All vehicular traffic along the beaches of Walton County, Florida, as hereinafter provided, shall be limited to four-wheel drive vehicles.

Section 3: Before any such four-wheel drive vehicle described above shall be allowed along the beaches of Walton County, Florida, a permit authorizing access to the beaches must be obtained from the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida.

Section 4: Permits for the use of vehicles on the beaches shall be issued to residents of Walton County and landowners in Walton County only.

Section 5: As used herein, "resident" shall mean citizens of Walton County who can show proof of their residency by a current voter's registration card. Land ownership shall be determined by copies of tax receipts or any other reasonable method approved by

the Board, or its authority.

Section 6: All applications shall be accompanied by a photograph showing the front and side view of the motor vehicle for which the permit is sought.

Section 7: All permits issued shall be accompanied by an appropriate decal which must be conspicuously displayed upon the motor vehicle for which the permit is granted. Additionally, the driver of the vehicle must show upon request, the permit allowing him to drive.

Section 8: The permit described above shall cost the sum of \$10 per year.

Section 9: The speed limit of authorized vehicles along the public beaches of Walton County shall be 15 miles per hour, and will be enforced by the Walton County Sheriff's Department.

Section 10: Any reckless driving along the public beaches shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

Section 11: Conviction for violation of this ordinance shall result in automatic revocation of the permit.

Section 12: All permits issued shall be for a period of one year, and will expire on June 1 of each year.

Section 13: Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- (a) First Offense: \$250 fine
- (b) Second Offense: \$350 fine
- (c) Third Offense and all subsequent offenses \$500 fine

Section 14: All Walton County residents sixty-five years of age and over, and all disabled persons unable to walk to the beach, shall be granted a permit upon proper application without fee.

Section 15: This ordinance shall repeal any ordinance inconsistent herewith.

ection 16: Any portion of this ordinance ruled unconsti-
tutional in a court of law shall not effect the remainder.

Section 17: This ordinance shall be effective as provided
by law.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 1979.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

by James C. Rushing
James C. Rushing, Chairman

ATTEST:

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