

ORDINANCE 2002- 01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 86-18 and 98-23, (AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES 91-5, 91-9, 91-12, 94-14, 97-38, and 2000-19). WHICH LEVIES AND IMPOSES A THREE (3) PERCENT TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX, UPDATING THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WALTON COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE 24 MONTHS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2002.

WHEREAS, Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, provides for the levy of a local option tourist development tax by any county; and

WHEREAS, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 86-18 and 98-23, which levies and imposes the tourist development tax, and established a Tourist Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board amended said Ordinance in Ordinances 91-5, 91-9, 91-12 94-14, 97-38 and 2000-19; and

WHEREAS, the Tourist Development Plan must be revised to incorporate current procedure and financial information; and

WHEREAS, said Tourist Development Council presented to this Board its Plan for tourist development for the 24 months beginning October 1, 2002; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT SECTION II OF SAID ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IS FURTHER AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION II. The tax revenues received pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used to fund the Walton County Tourist Development Plan, which is hereby amended as follows:

The area to be included within the subcounty special district shall be as follows:

All of Walton County lying south of the intracoastal waterway.

The anticipated net tourist development tax revenue to be derived by the County for the 24 months following the levy of the tax is approximately Twelve Million dollars (\$ 12,000,000.00). The following is a list, in the order of priority, of the proposed uses of the funds anticipated to be available for the 24 months beginning, October 1, 2002 and the approximate expense allocation for each specific project or special use:

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| 1. Tourist Advertising/Promotion/Materials/<br>Autumn Tides | \$ 2,000,000 – 4,000,000 |
| 2. Beach Nourishment  | \$ 6,000,000 – 8,000,000 |
| 3. Beach Maintenance  | \$ 500,000 – 1,000,000   |
| 4. New Product Development                                  | \$ 500,000 – 1,000,000   |
| 5. Tourist Information Center/Administrative Exp.           | \$ 600,000 – 800,000     |
| 6. Contingency  | \$ 400,000 - 1,000,000   |

The above and the foregoing Tourist Development Plan may not be amended except by ordinance enacted by an affirmative vote of a majority plus one additional member of the Board of County Commissioners.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon receipt of official acknowledgement from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida that said Ordinance has been filed in that office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 8th day of Jan, 2002.

WALTON COUNTY, a political subdivision  
of the State of Florida

By: Lane Rees  
Lane Rees, Chairman

ATTEST:

Martha Ingle  
Martha Ingle, Clerk