

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER WALDRON

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

NO. 82-2

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT REASONABLE FEES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES RENDERED; PROVIDING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR WHICH FEES WILL BE CHARGED THROUGH RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A FEE SCHEDULE THROUGH RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE USE AND DISPOSITION OF FUNDS COLLECTED; PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF FEES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the St. Johns County Health Department, a "local Health Unit" within the meaning of Chapter 154.06, Florida Statutes, to collect reasonable fees, contributions and donations for various services rendered by that Department.

Section 2. Services For Which Fees Will Be Charged: The services for which fees will be charged are broadly defined as those services which are not generally associated with preventable, contagious or communicable diseases, but rather, are those tests and procedures which relate primarily to one's individual health status. Specific services for which fees will be charged will be identified by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3. Fees To Be Charged: Whereas this Ordinance provides the legal basis for the collection of reasonable fees, a specific schedule of said fees shall be adopted by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Such fee schedule shall be periodically revised ^{BY RESOLUTION} to reflect the cost of delivering the services for which fees are charged.

Section 4. Voluntary Contributions Or Donations: Although it is State policy that no fees shall be assessed for medical services rendered in connection with communicable and contagious disease programs nor for certain preventive and screening programs, that policy does not prevent acceptance of voluntary contributions or donations for such services. Accordingly, the St. Johns County Health Department is authorized to accept voluntary contributions and donations from the recipients of those health care services for which no fees are assessed.

The St. Johns County Health Department may develop a schedule of costs for each service for which no direct fee is assessed, may communicate such costs

to patients and may advise patients that voluntary contributions, in any amount not exceeding the cost of the service delivered, will be gratefully accepted; PROVIDED that such communication is accomplished in a private, discreet and dignified manner. Under no circumstances shall any suggestion, solicitation, innuendo or indication be included in such communication, that any donation or contribution is mandatory.

Section 5. Use and Disposition of Funds Collected: All funds collected hereunder shall be expended solely for the purpose of providing health services and facilities within St. Johns County. Such funds shall be periodically deposited in the St. Johns County Health Department Trust Account, to be used by the St. Johns County Health Department pursuant to Florida Statute 154.06.

Section 6. Waiver of Fees: While it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to collect reasonable fees for certain specified services, it shall be the policy of the Board that none of the services, except as specifically exempted by subsequent Resolution of the Board, shall be denied any resident of St. Johns County, solely on the grounds that the individual is financially unable to pay the assessed fee.

In discharging this policy the Health Department shall have the power to waive any part, or all, of the fees so assessed on declaration by the individual that he/she is without funds.

In addition, no fees shall be charged for any service, when such service is an integral component of a program which is fully supported by special grants special allocations or other funds which are specifically earmarked for the program concerned.

Section 7. Savings Clause. The invalidity of any provision or Section contained herein shall not invalidate nor affect any other of the provisions or Sections adopted hereunder, nor the validity of the remainder thereof.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect on FEBRUARY 20, 1982

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

THIS 9th DAY OF February, 1982 .

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Francis M. Brubaker
Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

BY: Marie Hudson
Deputy Clerk

Adopted regular meeting 2/9/82
Effective 2/20/82 Sec. 8

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ST. AUGUSTINE AND ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA, }
COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS }

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared _____
Robert E. James who on oath says that he is
Advertising Manager of the St. Augustine Record, a
daily newspaper published at St. Augustine in St. Johns County, Florida;
that the attached copy of advertisement, being a _____
Notice of Board of County Commissioners Meeting
_____ in the matter of Ordinance Concerning
St. Johns County Health Department Fee Collections
_____ in the _____ Court,
was published in said newspaper in the issues of _____
January 6, 1982.

Affiant further says that the St. Augustine Record is a newspaper
published at St. Augustine, in said St. Johns County, Florida, and that the
said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said St.
Johns County, Florida, each day, except Sundays, and has been entered
as second class mail matter at the post office in the City of St. Augustine,
in said St. Johns County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding
the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant
further says that he has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or
corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose
of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 7th day of January 1982
A.D. 19 82
Myrtle M. Floyd
Notary Public

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires Oct. 2, 1984
Bancroft Title, Trust & Insurance Ins.

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9, 1982, AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M., IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROOM, ST. JOHNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT REASONABLE FEES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES RENDERED; PROVIDING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR WHICH FEES WILL BE CHARGED THROUGH RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A FEE SCHEDULE THROUGH RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE USE AND DISPOSITION OF FUNDS COLLECTED; PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF FEES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
The proposed Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, St. Johns County, Florida, St. Johns County Courthouse, and may be examined by parties interested prior to said public hearing.
All parties having any interest in said Ordinance will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Carl "Bud" Markel, Its Clerk
By: Marie Hudson
Deputy Clerk
L113 Jan. 6, 1982



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
George Firestone
Secretary of State

February 11, 1982

Honorable Carl Markel
Clerk of the Circuit Court
St. Johns County
P.O. Drawer 300
St. Augustine, FL 32084

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Clara "Dinah" Hooper
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Dear Mr. Markel:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge:

- ✓ 1. Receipt of your letter/s of February 10
and certified copy/ies of St. Johns
County Ordinance/s No./s 82-2 thru 82-6
2. Receipt of _____ County Ordinance/s
relative to:
 - (a) _____
which we have numbered _____
 - (b) _____
which we have numbered _____
- ✓ 3. We have filed this/these Ordinance/s in this office
on February 11 1982.
4. The original/duplicate copy/ies showing the filing
date is/are being returned for your records.

Cordially,

Nancy Kavanaugh
(Mrs.) Nancy Kavanaugh
Chief, Bureau of Laws

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