

AN ORDINANCE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IMPLEMENTING A TEMPORARY ABEYANCE OF BILLBOARD SIGN FINAL PERMITTING AND FINAL ZONING HEARINGS FOR ANY BILLBOARD SIGN APPLICATION NOT HAVING BEEN OFFICIALLY FILED WITH THE COUNTY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 20, 1998; SAID TEMPORARY ABEYANCE PERTAINING TO THIS ORDINANCE TO CEASE THE DATE ANY ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE REPEALING THIS PRESENT ORDINANCE IS PASSED AND ENACTED AND BECOMES EFFECTIVE BY BEING FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF FLORIDA, OR SEPTEMBER 1, 1998, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST; PROVIDING GEOGRAPHIC APPLICATION; PROVIDING FINDING OF FACTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is known nationally and internationally as a desirable tourist location, and is the locale of numerous recognized historical sites; and

WHEREAS, the unnecessary permitting of Billboard Signs in excess of actual business requirements creates visual clutter which detract from the public good and the County's tourism attractions; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public good, the County needs to review and amend its ordinance sections pertaining to Billboard Signs in a comprehensive fashion to ensure its regulations are sufficient and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, it can be reasonably expected that a significant number of Billboard Signs might be applied for in view of expected new regulations; and

WHEREAS, a short term abeyance of Billboard Signs permitting and zoning hearings for any Billboard Sign applications, while still conducting processing of any such applications, and gathering information to adequately plan and regulate, constitute a necessary and bona fide effort to act carefully in preserving the County public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, prior to January 20, 1998, the County has not previously implemented any formal abeyance of Billboard Signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. All the Whereas clauses above are duly made findings of this Board.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) "County" means St. Johns County, Florida.
- (b) "Permit" means any building permit, zoning permit, rezoning, certification, special exception, variance, or any other official action of local government having the effect of permitting the development of land.
- (c) "Billboard Sign" means Billboard Sign as defined by St. Johns County Ordinance 90-9, as amended from time to time.

Section 3. Purpose. The purpose of this abeyance is to allow the County adequate time to comprehensively study Billboard Sign regulation to determine whether the County's existing ordinances and codes are sufficient for protection of the public good; and to develop new ordinances to amend inconsistencies and/or cover situations not addressed by existing regulations.

Section 4. Abeyance Implemented. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County hereby implements a temporary abeyance on Billboard Sign final Permitting and final zoning hearings for any Billboard Sign application not having been officially filed with the County on or before January 20, 1998. For any applications submitted during the duration of this abeyance, the Applicant shall bear the risk that the application will have to be finally approved under the criteria of new Billboard Sign regulations, as the County may adopt.

Section 5. Duration of Abeyance. The temporary abeyance pertaining to this Ordinance is to cease on the earlier of (a) the date any St. Johns County ordinance repealing this present Ordinance is passed and enacted and becomes effective by being filed with the Secretary of State of Florida, or (b) September 1, 1998.

Section 6. Geographic Limits of Abeyance. The abeyance shall apply to the unincorporated portions of St. Johns County.

Section 7. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to prohibit changing any existing message or messages on an existing Billboard Sign, or replacing (with a Billboard Sign that is equal to or lesser in size) a Billboard Sign that has a current permit.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its being filed with the Secretary of State.

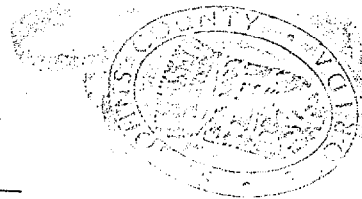
PASSED AND ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County,
State of Florida, this 24TH day of February, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Moses A. Floyd
Moses A. Floyd, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Patricia DeBlonde
Deputy Clerk



Effective date March 2, 1998

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT

The St. Augustine Record


PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MORNING
ST. AUGUSTINE AND ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared _____
Sandra D. Oliver _____ who on oath says that she is
Accounting Clerk _____ 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 _____
Display Ad _____
in the matter of _____ Notice of Public Hearing _____
in the _____ Court, was published in said newspaper in the
issues of _____ Feb 2, 1998 _____

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 heretofore been continuously published in said St. Johns County, Florida, each day 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 copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing the advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ 4 _____ day of _____ Feb, 19 _____ 98,
by _____ Sandra D. Oliver _____ who is personally
known to me or who has produced _____ Personally Known _____ as
identification. _____
(Type of Identification)

(Signature of Notary Public)  Zoe Ann Moss
MY COMMISSION # CC641814 EXPIRES August 22, 2001
BONDED TERRITORY BAIL INSURANCE, INC. (Seal)
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(Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

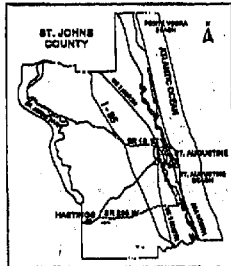
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE ST. JOHNS
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON ESTABLISHMENT OR CHANGE OF A REGULATION
AFFECTING THE USE OF LAND**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, at its regular meetings on Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 5:30 P.M., in the County Auditorium at the County Administrative Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A and U.S. #1 North), St. Augustine, Florida, will hold public hearings to consider passage of the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-

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The proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at the St. Johns County Administration Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway (CR 16A and U.S. #1), St. Augustine, Florida, and may be examined by parties interested prior to the said public hearings. Please take note that the ordinance is subject to revision prior to the hearings or adoption of the ordinance. All parties having any interests in said ordinance will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearings.



Excluding the incorporated municipalities of:
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Town of Hastings
That portion of the Town of Matfield within St. Johns County,
Florida VOTRA Zoning District

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the hearings, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO ALL HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in these proceeding should contact ADA Coordinator, at (904) 823-2501 or at the County Administration Building, 4020 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Florida 32095.

For hearing impaired individuals: Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD): 823-2501 or Florida Relay Service 1-800-955-8770, no later than 5 days prior to the dates of these hearings.

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CHERYL STRICKLAND, ITS CLERK
By: Yvonne Carter, Deputy Clerk

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of Feb, 1998,

by Sandra D. Oliver who is personally

known to me or who has produced Personally Known as
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August 22, 2001
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(Seal)

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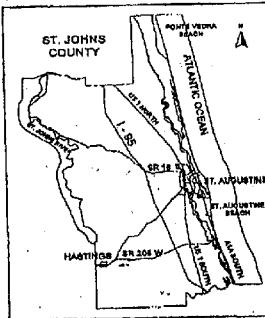
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