

ORDINANCE NO. 98- 79

AN ORDINANCE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY ABEYANCE OF BILLBOARD SIGN FINAL PERMITTING AND FINAL ZONING HEARINGS THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ENACTED BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 98-12 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 98-54 AND ORDINANCE 98-63 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 ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 98-12 BECOMES EFFECTIVE OR MARCH 1, 1999, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

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; and

WHEREAS, it is found that the County Staff and public volunteers assisting with said drafting of a sign regulation ordinance are making substantial changes to said draft which benefit the public; and

WHEREAS, the original 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 that was enacted on February 24, 1998 by St. Johns County Ordinance 98-12 has served to allow the County staff and public volunteers to make substantial progress on drafting of a new ordinance to regulate signs in St. Johns County, but it is found that the extensions of said abeyance enacted by Ordinance 98-12 and further extended by Ordinance 98-54 and Ordinance 98-63 must be further extended to March 1, 1999 in order to complete said ordinance and the public hearings necessary to enact it.

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

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The above RECITALS are hereby incorporated herein by reference as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. Duration of Abeyance. The temporary abeyance pertaining to this Ordinance is extended to cease on the earlier of (a) the date any St. Johns County Ordinance repealing St. Johns County Ordinance 98-12 becomes effective or (b) March 1, 1999.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its being filed with the Secretary of State.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 15 day of December, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Marc A. Jacalone
Marc A. Jacalone, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Cheryl Strickland
Deputy Clerk

Effective Date: December 17, 1998

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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared _____

LINDA Y MURRAY 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 _____

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

in the matter of _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

in the _____ Court, was published in said newspaper in the

issues of NOVEMBER 27 and DECEMBER 4, 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 4th day of DECEMBER, 1998,

by Zoe Ann Moss who is personally

known to me or who has produced PERSONALLY KNOWN as

identification.



Zoe Ann Moss
MY COMMISSION # CC641814 EXPIRES
August 22, 2001
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

(Signature of Notary Public)

(Seal)

ZOE ANN MOSS

(Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, at its special meeting on Friday, December 4, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, December 16, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Auditorium at the County Administrative Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway, St. Johns County, Florida, will hold a public hearing to consider passage of the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE 98-12
AN ORDINANCE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY ABEYANCE OF BILLBOARD SIGN FINAL PERMITTING AND FINAL ZONING HEARINGS THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ENACTED BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 98-12 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 98-34 AND ORDINANCE 98-33 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 ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 98-12 BECOMES EFFECTIVE OR MARCH 1, 1999, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
The proposed ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at the St. Johns County Administrative Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A and U.S. 1 North), St. Augustine, Florida, and may be examined by interested parties prior to the public hearing. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter brought before the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes such person 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.
Notice to persons needing special accommodations and to all hearing impaired persons: In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this meeting should contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 823-2501 or at the County Administration Office, St. Augustine, FL 32085. For hearing impaired individuals, Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) 823-2501 or the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8770, no later than 5 days prior to the date of this meeting.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK
By: Ivonne Carter, Deputy Clerk
L502A Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 1998