

ORDINANCE 2025- 10

AN ORDINANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, BANNING ALL FIRES ON THE PUBLIC BEACHES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, this ordinance prohibiting fires on the public beaches of Franklin County is adopted pursuant to Franklin County's home rule powers in furtherance of the public's health, safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, fires on the public beach constitute a hazard to sea turtles; and,

WHEREAS, fires on the beach pose a hazard to persons and property, including, but not limited to, hot embers leftover from a fire,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

1. The preamble of this ordinance is incorporated herein by this reference.
2. During Turtle Nesting Season, beginning May 1st and ending on October 31st each year, Fires are prohibited on the following public beaches in Franklin County, Florida:
 - a. All of the beaches shown on the plats of St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, as recorded in Plat Book 2 at pages 7, 15, & 16, and Plat Book 3 at pages 14-17, Franklin County, Florida; an area commonly known as being located between 12th Street West and 11th Street East, St. George Island Florida.
 - b. Carrabelle Beach Park, Carrabelle, Florida; parcel number 25-07S-05W-0000-0090-0000.
 - c. McKissack Beach, Carrabelle, Florida; parcel number 30-07S-04W-0000-0070-0000.
 - d. Penn Point, Unit 2, Alligator Point, Florida, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21.
 - e. Penn Point, Unit 4, Alligator Point, Florida, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 24.
 - f. Southern Dunes, Unit 1, Bald Point, Florida, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 22A.
3. PENALTY: The penalty for the violation of this ordinance shall be a second-degree misdemeanor as provided in Fla. Stat. 775.082 and Fla. Stat. 775.083, as amended from time to time, punishable by up to 60 days in the county jail and/or a \$500 fine
4. DEFINITION: Fire is defined as the phenomenon of combustion manifested in light, flame and heat.
5. CODIFICATION: This ordinance shall be codified as new section 5-13, Chapter 5.
6. REPEAL: All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of the conflict.
7. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Adopted on this the 20th day of August, 2025.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, a political
Subdivision of the State of Florida

Ricky D. Jones
By: Ricky D. Jones, Its Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Michele Maxwell
Michele Maxwell, Clerk of Courts

Approved as to form and content:

By: Thomas M. Shuler
Thomas M. Shuler, County Attorney