

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT ALL SHELL OYSTERS HARVESTED IN OR TRANSPORTED FROM OR ACROSS THE WATERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY AND BROUGHT TO THE SHORE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, SHALL BE PROCESSED, BAGGED OR CONTAINED, AND TAGGED IN AN OYSTER PROCESSING PLANT OR HOUSE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY WHICH IS CERTIFIED, INSPECTED, AND APPROVED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND PROVIDING THAT NO SHELL OYSTERS SHALL BE TRANSPORTED OUT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY IN ANY VEHICLE, EXCEPT IN A REFRIGERATED CONTAINER.

ORDINANCE NO. 86-7

FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Franklin County produces the finest oysters in the world, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Department of Natural Resources regulates and inspects the oyster processing plants in Franklin County to assure that the oysters processed in such plants are kept and processed in a safe and sanitary manner, and

WHEREAS, the market for oysters is adversely affected if improperly handled oysters are sold, because proper handling maintains the flavor and quality of the oysters, and

WHEREAS, some oyster producers load oysters for transportation to market without processing them through a licensed oyster processing plant, in open or unrefrigerated vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT

All shell oysters harvested in or transported from or across the waters of Franklin County and brought to the shore in Franklin County, shall be processed, bagged or contained, and tagged in an oyster processing plant or house in Franklin County which is certified, inspected, and approved by the State of Florida, Department of Natural Resources, and no shell oysters shall be transported out of Franklin County in any vehicle, except in a refrigerated container.

This ordinance shall be in addition to any other state or federal laws or regulations upon the same subject matter.

Violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor.

This ordinance adopted in open regular session this 5th day of August, 1986, after such notice of intent to consider such an ordinance has been made and kept in the Ordinance book of the Clerk of this Board for at least 15 days exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, and the title and substance hereof published according to law in the Apalachicola Times, a newspaper of general circulation within the County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BY: James M. McDaniel
its Chairman

Attest:

Lee R. P. Reeves
Clerk

