

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BIKE PATHS AND NATURE TRAILS
IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, PROHIBITING THE USE OF MOTORIZED
VEHICLES, PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS, PROHIBITING LITTERING,
PROHIBITING DISTURBING VEGETATION, PROHIBITING THE
CARELESS OR RECKLESS OPERATION OF ANY
VEHICLE THEREON, PROVIDING OTHER RULES MAY BE ADOPTED
BY RESOLUTION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ORDINANCE 96-6

WHEREAS, the first bike path in Franklin County is being constructed with a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation, and.

WHEREAS, the first bike path in Franklin County is located within the right of way of Gulf Beach Drive on St. George Island, and

WHEREAS, other bike paths and nature trails are planned for Franklin County, and

WHEREAS, rules for the safe enjoyment of bike paths and nature trails is customary and necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Franklin County Board Of County Commissioners that:

1. No person shall operate any motor vehicle or powered vehicle of any kind on any designated bike path or nature trail which is located on or in any property belonging to Franklin County or public right of way of Franklin County. This ordinance shall apply initially to the St. George Island bicycle path located in the right of way of Gulf Beach Drive in St. George Island Gulf Beach subdivisions, and to such others as may be designated from time to time by the Franklin County Board Of County Commissioners by Resolution or Ordinance.

A. Provided, however, this ordinance shall not prohibit any law enforcement official vehicle from entering said bike path or nature trail on official business.

B. Provided, Further, that this ordinance shall not prohibit the use of motorized wheelchairs or other transport for the handicapped, when used by a handicapped person, occupied by not more than two persons.

2. No person shall disturb, cut or dig any native vegetation on any bike path or nature trail defined in paragraph one.

3. No person shall place any litter, trash or garbage on any bike path or nature trail defined in paragraph one.

4. No person shall operate any bicycle, wheelchair, or vehicle of any kind recklessly or carelessly, or in excess of any posted speed limit or contrary to any posted traffic control sign on any bike path or nature trail defined in paragraph one.

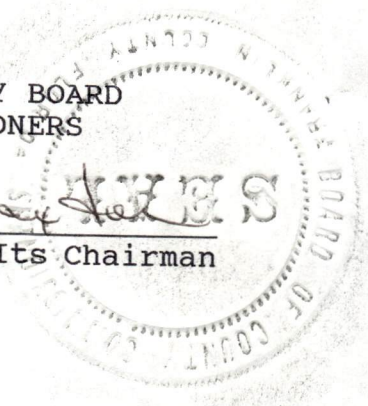
5. The Franklin County Board Of County Commissioners may adopt resolutions controlling the use of bike paths and nature trails as defined in paragraph one.

6. Violation of this ordinance, including violation of any Resolution of the Franklin County Board Of County Commissioners affecting bike paths and nature trails in Franklin County, shall be prosecuted as a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by imprisonment in the County Jail up to 60 days, or by fine up to \$500.00, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

This Ordinance adopted by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners May 7, 1996, after public notice and publication of notice shall become effective as provided by law.

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: Buford E. Braxton
BUFORD E. BRAXTON, Its Chairman



ATTEST:

Kendall Wade
KENDALL WADE, Clerk