

ORDINANCE NO.: 2003-28

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SERVICES OF THE FAMILY LAW ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING AMOUNTS FOR THE INFORMATIONAL FAMILY LAW PACKETS OFFERED BY THE FAMILY LAW ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Office of Court Administration sponsors a project known as the Family Law Assistance Program, also known as "FLAP";

WHEREAS, the Family Law Assistance Program offers a valuable service to citizens of Franklin County by providing affordable informational family law packets for citizens who represent themselves in family law cases;

WHEREAS, the informational family law packets are not required for self-represented litigants, but are merely provided as a service by the Family Law Assistance Program;

WHEREAS, the informational family law packets can be bought for minimal expense and the packets are designed to explain the procedures of how to efficiently represent a family law case;

WHEREAS, the Family Law Assistance Program is designed to provide assistance to self-represented litigants in hopes to achieve a fair and efficient resolution to family law cases;

WHEREAS, the Family Law Assistance Program also offers notarization of completed paperwork, as well as necessary referrals to Legal Aid, North Florida Legal Services, and the Florida Bar referral hotline;

WHEREAS, the Family Law Assistance Program requires the costs of the packets to range from five dollars (\$5.00) for some legal packets, to twenty dollars (\$20.00) for other legal packets, as well as a nominal fee for notarization services.

WHEREAS, the Family Law Assistance Program is administered by the Office of Court Administration, and is at no cost to Franklin County;

WHEREAS, Franklin County is responsible for approving the costs of the informational family law packets;

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

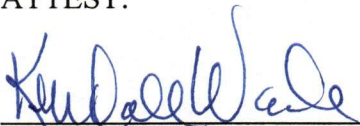
1. The Family Law Assistance Program is offered to the citizens of Franklin County by the Office of Court Administration and at no cost to Franklin County.
2. The Family Law Assistance Program offers a valuable service to the citizens of Franklin County by providing affordable informational family law packets for the citizens who represent themselves in a family law matter. The program also provides notarization of completed paperwork and necessary referrals.
3. The Office of Court Administration shall charge sufficient amounts for the informational family law packets, and for notarization services, as to cover the expenses of the Family Law Assistance Program.
4. The informational packet shall range from five dollars (\$5.00) to twenty dollars (\$20.00), depending on the type of legal packet required. These prices shall become effective immediately. These packet costs are necessary to alleviate the expense of the program.

ADOPTED THIS 1ST day of July, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
CHERYL K. SANDERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


KENDALL WADE
CLERK OF COURT