

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION  
TO FRANKLIN COUNTY ORDINANCE 78-4 BY PROVIDING A PERMIT  
SYSTEM TO ALLOW SOFT SHELL CRAB PRODUCERS TO CROSS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY BEACHES TO OBTAIN SALT WATER

ORDINANCE 96-21

FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners determines that an emergency exists and the enactment of this Ordinance as an emergency Ordinance is necessary, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Ordinance 78-4 prohibits the operation of any motor vehicle on over or across the beaches of Franklin County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board County Commissioners is advised that since the enactment of Franklin County Ordinance 78-4, an old enterprise has gained new prominence, in which soft shell crabs are produced for sale, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is advised that the production of soft shell crabs requires ready access to clean salt water,

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

1. Producers of soft shell crabs shall be permitted to access salt water across the beaches of Franklin County as necessary to renew salt water for soft shell crab production, provided they possess a valid Franklin County permit to do so.

2. Any soft shell crab producer in Franklin County needing a permit to cross Franklin County beaches as necessary to obtain salt water may apply to the Clerk Circuit Court for a permit to do so.

3. Such permit shall not allow the use of private property, or the violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation, and shall apply only to Franklin County Ordinance 78-4 and Section 161.58, (2), Florida Statutes.

4. Activities pursuant to this Ordinance shall be considered a permitted traditional commercial fishing activity.

5. The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners hopes that all persons, agencies and officers will cooperate so as to sustain this local industry.

This Ordinance enacted October 1, 1996 as an emergency Ordinance of Franklin County, Florida, by unanimous vote of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, and shall be effective upon the mailing for special delivery by certified mail of a certified copy hereof to the State of Florida Department of State.


THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ATTEST:



KENDALL WADE, Clerk

BY:



BUFORD D. BRAXTON, Chairman