

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION SERVING AS SEWAGE/WASTE WATER DISPOSAL FOR INDIVIDUAL HOMES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND PERMITTING ALTERNATE SYSTEMS.

ORDINANCE # 79-8

FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has found that population density in residential development greater than one residential unit per acre throughout the County will result in excessive population density and would be unhealthy, result in lowering ground water quality, damage and lower land quality and values, and damage marine environment, and the seafood industry, and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to prevent too dense, substandard or inefficient septic tank placement in Franklin County for the same reasons, and in order to prevent pollution,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Franklin County, Florida:

(1) Installation of septic tanks is prohibited on parcels or lots of less than one acre. Variances may be granted for installations on lots of record, if deed or plat is recorded prior to August 17, 1978. Such variances may be granted only by the Board of County Commissioners upon favorable recommendation of the Franklin County Health Department.

(2) Installation of septic tanks is prohibited in salt marsh and transitional areas, and in areas subject to flooding. Installation is prohibited in areas with high water table if drain field function is impaired by such high water table.

(3) Installation of septic tanks is prohibited where any portion of such installation is closer to any stream, creek, river, pond, canal, water well, bay or gulf waters than 100 feet. The mean high water tide line or water line shall be the reference point if the body of water is subject to tidal or other fluctuation

(4) Installation of septic tanks shall be accomplished only following permitting in writing by the Franklin County Health Department on a form provided by that department; and installations shall be accomplished in a manner prescribed by that department and inspected and approved by that department.

(5) Every septic tank shall have an adequate drain field, and when mentioned in this ordinance, "septic tank" includes drain fields.

(6) Installation of Organic waste, Aerobic, or chemical systems for individual home sewerage-waste:water disposal may be made after prior written approval of the Franklin County Health Department. Working drawings and specifications of each shall be submitted to the Franklin County Health Department.

(7) Individual home sewerage-water systems which fail to perform in a sanitary and non-polluting manner shall be corrected within 30 days following "Notice to Correct a Sanitary Nuisance" by the Health Department.

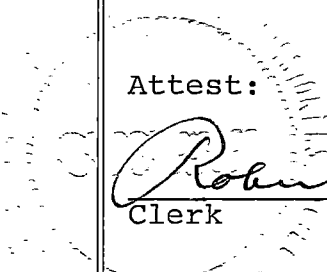
(8) The provisions of this Ordinance are in addition to and do not exempt applicant from compliance with Chapter 10D-6, Supplement 78 of F.S. 381.272, and all other State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations.

This Ordinance adopted in open special meeting this 22nd day of June, 1979, after notice of intent to consider the same has been made and kept in the Ordinance Book of the Clerk of the 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.

This Ordinance shall take effect when notice of receipt of a certified copy of same is returned from the Secretary of State.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Attest:


Robert L. Howell
Clerk

BY: Cecil Varner
Its Chairman

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