

FRANKLIN COUNTY ORDINANCE 2021- 21

An Ordinance Providing that the Beach Warning Flag System Excludes the Body of Water Known as Saint George Sound; Revoking All Ordinances in Conflict; Providing for Severability and Providing for an Effective Date.

WHEREAS, presently, Franklin County, Florida, provides a beach flag warning system consistent with section 380.276, Fla. Stat., (2020) (“Beach Warning Flags”) for county owned public beaches on St. George Island, Alligator Point and at Carrabelle Beach; and

WHEREAS, Carrabelle Beach is located along the shoreline of St. George Sound; and,

WHEREAS, the waters of St. George Sound are protected from the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico by a chain of barrier islands; to wit: St. George Island and Dog Island; and,

WHEREAS, the Beach Warning Flag system displays flags based on information provided to Franklin County by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) for St. George Island and Alligator Point, both of which are located along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, the NOAA does not presently provide flag warning data for the waters of the St. George Sound; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 95-15 provides, in part, that during declared states of emergency, the public can be ordered out of the waters of the St. George Sound;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

1. Beach Warning Flags shall not be displayed at county owned public beaches located along the shoreline of St. George Sound, Franklin County, Florida.
2. The Beach Warning Flag system provided by Franklin County, Florida, shall be limited to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

3. That part of Ordinance 2020-17, and all other ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance shall be, and are hereby, revoked. To the extent such ordinances are not in conflict with this ordinance, they shall remain in full force and effect.
4. In any part of this ordinance is declared to be invalid by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, then that invalid part shall be stricken from this ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.
5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Adopted: November 2, 2021

FRANKLIN COUNTY, a  
Political Subdivision of  
the State of Florida.

By: Ricky D. Jones  
Ricky D. Jones, Its Chairman

CLERK OF COURTS

By: Michele Maxwell  
Michele Maxwell, Its Clerk



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