

ORDINANCE NO. 405

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING SWIMMING, WADING, SNORKELING, OR ENTERING ANY WATER BODY LOCATED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Joe owns and maintains several lakes, canals, and other places where water accumulates or is stored. (water bodies), and

WHEREAS, the public may have or can gain access to such water bodies; and

WHEREAS, all water bodies pose an inherent risk to the safety of persons.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Water body is defined as any accumulation of fresh or brackish water located on city owned property, including, but not limited to lakes, ponds, canals, creeks, ditches, holding ponds, conservation areas, and storm-water run-off areas.


SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to swim, wade, snorkel, dive, boat, or enter into or upon any water body located on city owned property.

SECTION 3. Penalty: Any violation of this Ordinance is punishable as prescribed in Section 1-15, Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 4. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective as provided by law.

This Ordinance was adopted in open regular meeting after its second reading this 17th day of June, 2008.

**THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**


Melvin C. Magidson, Mayor

Attest :


City Clerk

First Reading: June 3, 2008

Second Reading: June 17, 2008

Ordinance Passed: June 17, 2008