

ORDINANCE NO. 166

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE BURIAL OF HUMAN BODIES IN THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING THAT ALL BODIES SHALL BE BURIED INSIDE A CASKET; WITH CASKET REQUIRING A SEALED VAULT FOR ALL GRAVES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the water table in the vicinity of Port St. Joe is in close proximity to the ground level, and

WHEREAS, considerable problems have been caused in the cemeteries operated by the City of Port St. Joe by bodies being buried without the caskets being placed inside of vaults, such as collapsing of the ground surface making unsightly and dangerous conditions, and

WHEREAS, these conditions have created a sanitary problem, aesthetic problem and safety problem,

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to bury human bodies except as follows: All burials of human bodies within the City of Port St. Joe shall be performed with the body properly encased in a casket or other appropriate container, which casket or other container shall then be properly placed in a burial vault made of cement, concrete or other similar suitable material as approved by the industry.

Section 2. Any individual or firm engaging in the burial of human bodies who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined up to \$250.00 or 30 days in jail, or both, for the first conviction. Any individual or firm violating the provisions of the ordinance for the second and subsequent violations shall be fined up to \$500.00 or 60 days in jail, or both.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to the burial of the remains of bodies that have been lawfully cremated according to the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

INTRODUCED in the regular meeting of the City Commission on the 20th day of  
May, 1986, and adopted and passed by the City Commission on the 3rd day of June,  
1986.

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor/Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor/Clerk