

ORDINANCE NO. 132

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DOCKING AT OR TYING TO TO ANY PART OF THE CITY PIER OR SHED STRUCTURE ATTACHED THERETO FOR ANY PERIOD IN EXCESS OF TWO (2) HOURS BY ANY VESSELS; PROVIDING DEFINITION; PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL BY THE CITY OF ABANDONED OR UNATTENDED VESSELS FROM THE VICINITY OF THE CITY PIER; PROVIDING FOR THE COST OF SUCH REMOVAL AND STORAGE THEREOF; PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR; PROVIDING THAT THE EXACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE IS AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a problem exists at the City Pier at the West end of 5th Street, within the City limits of Port St. Joe, as a result of vessels being tied to the facility for extended periods of time, thereby making the orderly use of the facility for its intended purpose of loading boats a virtual impossibility, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, it is necessary that this Ordinance be passed for immediate protection and preservation of the peace, safty, health and property of the City and its inhabitants,

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

Section 1. Definitions.

City Pier: as used in this Ordinance, City Pier shall be taken to mean that structure commencing at the West end of 5th Street and extending approximately 250 feet in a Westerly and Southwesterly direction to the terminus, and including all docks, walks, sheds or other wood, concrete or similar structure used as the pier or as foudation or footing therefor.

Vessels: any boat, ship, houseboat or other floating structures capable of carrying cargo or humans.

Abandoned or Unattended Vessels: any vessel docked at or ties to the City Pier for more than twenty four (24) hours without human beings aboard said vessel.

Section 2. Time Limit. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge to tie or secure any vessel to the City Pier for a period in excess of two (2) hours. Each successive 2-hour period shall be deemed a separate offense. Any vessel left abandoned or unattended may be removed by the City to appropriate storage facilities and the cost of such removal and storage shall be a lien upon the boat so removed.

Section 3. Penalties. Any person violating this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five hundred (\$500) Dollars and a sentence not in excess of sixty (60) days in jail.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect on May 5, 1982.

This Ordinance INTRODUCED and ADOPTED as an emergency ordinance this 4th day of May, 1982.

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

BY: Frank Pate, Jr.
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ATTEST:

/s/ L. A. Farris
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City Auditor/Clerk