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ORDINANCE NO. 78-1

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 163.3161 163.3211; SETTING FORTH SAID AGENCY'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF APPOINTING MEMBERS, THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE; ESTABLISHING SAID AGENCY'S ORGANIZATION, RULES AND PROCEDURES; REQUIRING THAT ALL MEETINGS OF SAID AGENCY BE PUBLIC AND PROVIDING FOR THE KEEPING OF PUBLIC RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF ANY PORTION DECLARED INVALID; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND SPECIFICALLY ORDINANCE NO. 77-1 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes (Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act of 1975).

Section 2. A Liberty County Planning Agency is hereby designated and established for the unincorporated territory of Liberty County, Florida pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The Liberty County Local Planning Agency shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of Liberty County, Florida, appointed by a majority vote of the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners. The terms of the members shall be for four (4) years, except that in the the appointment of the first Planning Agency under the terms of this ordinance, the first and second members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, the third and fourth members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, the fifth and sixth members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, and the remaining members shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years each. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners who shall also have authority to remove any member for cause, on written charges, after public hearing. All members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in connection with their official duties.

Section 4. The Planning Agency shall organize immediately after their appointment and elect a chairman from its members. The term of the chairman shall one (1) year with eligibility for re-election. The Planning Agency shall appoint a secretary, who may be an officer or employee of the County. The Planning Agency shall make its own rules of procedure and determine its time of meeting. All meetings of the Planning Agency shall be public meetings and all agency records shall be public records. The Local Planning Agency shall encourage public participation.

Section 5. The Local Planning Agency, in accordance with the Local Government Comprehensive Act of 1975, Section 163.3161 - 3211, Florida Statutes, shall:

A. Conduct the Comprehensive Planning program and prepare the Comprehensive Plan or elements or portions thereof for the County of Liberty;

B. Coordinate said Comprehensive Plan or elements or portions thereof with the Comprehensive Plans of other appropriate local governments and the State of Florida;

C. Recommend said Comprehensive Plan or elements or portions thereof to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption; and

D. Monitor and oversee the effectiveness and status of the Comprehensive Plan and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners such changes in the Comprehensive Plan as may be required from time to time.

Section 6. The Board of County Commissioners shall appropriate funds at its discretion to the Local Planning Agency for expenses necessary in the conduct of its work. The Local Planning Agency may, in order to accomplish the purposes and activities required by the Local Government Comprehensive Act of 1975, expend all funds so appropriated and other sums made available for use from fees, gifts, state and federal loans and other sources; provided, exceptance of loans or grants must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 7. If any work, sentence, phrase, clause, section or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or word shall be deemed a separate and independant provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 8. All ordinances and resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County, Florida and specifically Ordinance No. 77-1 in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1978.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY FLORIDA

BY: Richard C. Phillips
Richard C. Phillips
Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Liberty County, Florida