AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE CRIME OF AND PROVIDING THE PENALTY FOR TRESPASSING ON REAL PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mexico Beach is of the opinion that the enactment of this Ordinance is required for the protection and preservation for the peace, safety, health, and general welfare of the Town and its inhabitants, Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH:

Section 1.

A person commits an offense under this Ordinance if, without being authorized, licensed, or invited, he wilfully enters upon or remains on any real property as to which notice against entering or remaining is given by:

- (a) Actual communication to the Defendant, or,
- Signs placed not more than fifty (b) feet apart along the boundary of the property, upon which signs there appears prominently, in letters of not less than two inches in height, the words "No Trespassing" or "No Parking", and in addition thereto the name of the owner, lessee, or occupant of said land. Said signs shall be placed along the boundary line of the property in a manner and in such position as to be clearly noticeable from outside of the boundary line. No offense shall be committed under this subsection unless the Defendant enters the property at a point within twenty-five feet of such a sign. If the words "No Trespassing" do not appear upon such signs, then an offense under this subsection may only be committed by parking an automobile, bicycle, or other vehicle upon the property.

Section 2.

An offense under this Ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both, if the offender defies an order to leave, personally communicated to him by the owner of the premises or other authorized person. Otherwise, an offense under this Ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment of not more than 15 days, or both.

Section 3.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect any sanction or criminal liability for trespass as otherwise provided by law.

Section 4.

Any Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed, subject to the preceding section and only to the extent of the conflict.

Section 5.

This Ordinance shall take affect 30 days from its passage as provided in Section 37 of the Town Charter of the Town of Mexico Beach.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Mexico Beach on the 9th day of September, A.D., 1975, and PASSED and ADOPTED at a meeting of the Town Council on the 24th day of September, A.D., 1975.

Mayor-Councilman

ATTEST:

Town Clark