

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor Usrey  
Councilman Davis  
Councilman Johnston  
Councilwoman Kelley  
Councilman Laginess  
Councilman Perry

MINUTES - June 11, and June 18, 1984

FINANCIAL REPORT - June, 1984

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2. Centel Franchise
3. Chamber of Commerce Resolution
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1. Bicycle Path - Councilman Johnston
2. Building Codes - Councilman Laginess
3. Sign Ordinance - Councilman Laginess
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TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU  
COUNCIL AS COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 9, 1984

The Town Council as Committee Meeting of the Town of Cinco Bayou was called to order by Mayor Usrey at 7:02 P.M.

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Mayor Usrey requested the Clerk call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Usrey  
Councilman Davis  
Councilman Johnston  
Councilman Laginess  
Councilman Perry

Absent: Councilwoman Kelley

Also Present: Attorney Powell                      Harold F. Peek, Jr.  
Marjorie Crawford                      Tracy Wenzel  
Betty Bowles                              Clerk Borchini  
Nell Baxter                                Secretary Knox

MINUTES - Mayor Usrey asked the Council to review the minutes of June 11, and June 18, 1984 Town Council Meetings for approval at the next council meeting. Councilman Laginess advised the Council that there was an error in the June 18, 1984 minutes, Regular Business Item #2. Councilman Laginess, not Councilman Davis, seconded the motion. The Clerk was asked to correct the error.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mayor Usrey asked the Council to review the financial report for June, 1984 for approval at the next council meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Town Attorney Position - Interview Mr. Harold Peek, Jr.  
Mayor Usrey advised the Council that Mr. Harold Peek, Jr. has expressed an interest in the Town Attorney Position and was present to answer any questions that Council might have. After a brief discussion and questions from the Council, Mayor Usrey advised Mr. Peek that the Council would make the decision and select one of the applicants for the Town Attorney Position.
- Centel Franchise - Mr. James Conoly, Centel Manager for Governmental Affairs, has advised the Clerk that Centel does not have a copy of the franchise granted to Southeastern Telephone Co. in November, 1957 and subsequently transferred to Centel. Mr. Conoly suggests that since the franchise is due for renewal in 1985, the Town Council should consider adopting a new franchise with Centel at this time. A copy of the proposed franchise has been

given to each Councilmember for their review. If acceptable, the new franchise will be placed in ordinance format and advertised for adoption in August. Centel representatives will attend next week's meeting to answer any questions concerning service or the franchise.

3. Chamber of Commerce Resolution - Mayor Usrey advised the Council that the Chamber of Commerce has asked that the Town pass a resolution controlling street merchants. The Clerk reminded the Council that the Zoning Ordinance and Occupational License Ordinance addresses this matter.

4. Ordinance No. 91, Sign Ordinance - The Clerk advised the Council that there are numerous violations of the Sign Ordinance in Town. The Clerk also advised that there are political signs posted on the right-of-way. The Attorney advised the Clerk to write a letter to the Department of Transportation advising them of the violations, and also send a copy to the State Attorney's Office. The Attorney advised that the Town should make a policy decision concerning political signs.

5. Parking - Right-of-Way and Sidewalk - Mayor Usrey discussed the problem of cars parking on the right-of-way and sidewalks in Town. After a brief discussion, it was decided to post tow away zone signs and have the cars towed away if they park in these zones. The Attorney advised that an ordinance should be enacted designating the specific tow away zones. The Attorney also suggested that stickers be printed and placed on violaters advising the vehicle owner of the violation.

At this time, Mrs. Nell Baxter, Okaloosa County resident, advised the Council that her car and boat trailer had been towed away from the First Federal parking lot. Mrs. Baxter stated that she believed that First Federal should reimburse her for the towing charge as there were no signs indicating their lot was a tow away zone. After a brief discussion, Mayor Usrey advised Mrs. Baxter that her complaints should be directed to First Federal.

Attorney Powell advised the Council that there is nothing in the franchise agreement that would prohibit First Federal from erecting a fence or some other way of limiting the use of their own bank parking. First Federal is required to maintain Sea Way and maintain public parking slots on Sea Way. The Attorney also advised that there is a provision in the franchise which requires First Federal to hold the Town harmless from any liability resulting from the operation, maintenance and repair of the public parking area. The Attorney recommended that the boundaries of the road should be marked with a solid stripe so that boat trailers do not extend into the roadway.

6. Orbit, Inc. Request - Mayor Usrey advised the Council that Orbit, Inc. had requested that the Town write a letter commending the Bookmobile program.

PUBLIC REQUESTS WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME. Mrs. Marjorie Crawford, Town resident, asked the Council if there was some way that the yards of some of the townhouses on Opp Boulevard could be cleaned up as the weeds are high. The Clerk was asked to write letters to the owners of the townhouses advising them to clean up the yards or the Town will clean them and bill the owner.

Mrs. Betty Bowles, Town Resident, advised the Council that there is a pile of dead trees behind Bienville Square, that is a fire hazard. The Clerk will notify the Bienville Square Homeowner's Association of the hazard. Mrs. Bowles also questioned the use of the right-of-way for parking along Kelly Avenue and Opp Road behind Homecrafters. The Clerk was directed to write Homecrafters and advise them that parking on the right-of-way is prohibited.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Standing Committees

1. Streets & Sidewalks - Councilman Davis. No report
2. Parks - Councilwoman Kelley. Mayor Usrey advised that the plans and specifications have been completed for Glenwood Park and are available for review. At next week's meeting the dates for bid advertisement and bid opening will be established.
3. Finance & Budget - Councilman Johnston. FYE 84 Budget Status Reports for the October, 83 - June, 84 time period are available for review and comment.
4. Waterfront - Councilman Perry. No report
5. Civil Defense - Councilman Perry. Councilman Perry reported on the recent Civil Defense Hurricane Drill and plan for Hurricane/Disaster actions. He indicated there were no special requirements for the Town.
6. Neighborhood Watch - Councilman Laginess. Councilman Laginess reported timing problems with the Eglin Parkway/Yacht Club traffic signal. The Clerk will contact Fort Walton Beach on this problem.

##### Special Committees

1. Bicycle Path - Councilman Johnston. No report
2. Building Codes - Councilman Laginess. No report
3. Sign Ordinance - Councilman Laginess. No report
4. Comprehensive Plan Review - Councilman Perry. No report
5. Sea Way Boat Ramp - Councilman Perry. No report
6. Glenwood Park - Councilwoman Kelley. See Standing Committee #2.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Attorney brought up the question of the Town's liability concerning the ditch between Hughes Street and Glenwood Park. The Clerk advised that the grate that drains the Bienville Square property needs to be secured. The Clerk will ask Bienville Square to secure the grate in some way so it cannot be removed.

CORRESPONDENCE

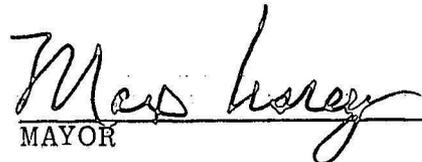
1. Letter - City of Holmes Beach - Mayor Usrey advised the Council that a letter had been received from the City of Holmes Beach concerning consolidation of specific cities.
2. Letter - Panhandle League of Cities - Mayor Usrey advised the Council of the Panhandle League of Cities Annual Summer Meeting at the Harbor House Restaurant in Panama City on August 3.
3. Letter - Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce - Mayor Usrey advised the Council that a letter had been received from the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce encouraging everyone to register to vote. There will be two special days set aside for voter registration.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. The Clerk advised the Council that the Certification of Taxable value has been received from the Property Appraiser and reflects an increase of 1.8 million in new construction. The Clerk also advised that there will be a meeting on Wednesday with Mr. Hilburn to discuss the form preparation and establish public hearing dates, and a meeting in Panama City on Thursday to discuss the changes in the Florida Statutes that pertain to Ad Valorem Taxes.
2. The Clerk advised that there are "No Truck" signs on Troy and Kelly and it is a C-1 Limited Commercial area. The Clerk advised that if the area is going to be commercial, truck traffic should be allowed. The Clerk recommended that the signs be moved to that part of Opp Boulevard that is classified R-1. Councilman Davis was asked to look into the matter and bring back a recommendation to the Council concerning the signs.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 P.M.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
TOWN CLERK

NOTE: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing proceedings of which these minutes are a part, and is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

A Central Company  
1313 Blair Stone Drive  
P.O. Box 2211  
Tallahassee, FL 32316  
Telephone 904 224 8102

CENTEL

June 14, 1984



Mr. Al Borchik  
Town Clerk  
Town of Cinco Bayou  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

Dear Mr. Borchik:

Enclosed is a draft of a proposed franchise ordinance to replace the existing ordinance which imposes an occupational license tax of three percent on the gross local exchange receipts of Central Telephone Company. The proposed ordinance exempts coin telephone and toll service revenues.

Also enclosed is a copy of Florida Public Service Commission Rule 25-4.110(6). Paragraph (6)(b) requires that all franchise fees be paid by the individual subscriber.

If you have any questions before our June 28 meeting with Charlie Evans, please call me at 599-1416.

Sincerely,

  
James Conoly  
Regulatory Manager

WJC:bb

Enclosures

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA. A CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO USE THE PUBLIC STREETS, LANES, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING LINES OF A TELEPHONE SYSTEM THEREON AND THEREUNDER AND PROVIDING FOR A FRANCHISE FEE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA:

Section I: TERM & TERMINATION

That permission and authority are hereby granted to Central Telephone Company of Florida, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this ordinance, to construct, erect, renew, repair, maintain and operate in, upon, along, across, under and over public ways of the municipality for the purpose of providing telephone communication services to the residents of Cinco Bayou of a quality commensurate with the Public Service Commission regulations. This franchise herein granted is an exclusive franchise. The term of the franchise is for a period of twenty (20) years from and after \_\_\_\_\_ (and thereafter until terminated as hereinafter provided). The Municipality reserves the right to terminate the franchise for breach of the terms of the franchise by the Company.

Section II: RELOCATION AT COMPANY EXPENSE

The Company agrees that in all cases (except as hereinafter expressly otherwise provided) where the municipality shall change the grade or width of any street, alley, or other public way, the Company will promptly and at its own expense, unless otherwise by ordinance provided, change or move its structures so as to

conform thereto, and further agrees to restore any and all public rights-of-way disturbed by the Company, to their original condition. The Company further agrees that it will, in advance of any paving or repaving of any street, alley or other public way, and upon reasonable notice thereof, install and construct, at its own expense, all conduit, vaults and manholes reasonably necessary for its future use in said street, alley, or other public way, so as to prevent, so far as possible, the disturbance by the Company of any pavement. The Company further agrees that all work outlined in this section will conform to the Southern Standard Building and Electrical Codes (as applicable.)

Section III: RESTORATION AFTER CONSTRUCTION

When any opening is made or work done in, on or under any street, alley, viaduct, elevated roadway, bridge or other public way, for any purpose whatsoever by the Company, said street, alley viaduct, elevated roadway, bridge or other public way shall be restored as promptly as possible to its original condition. Further, if required by the municipality, the Company will post a Blanket Permit Highway Bond in an amount mutually agreeable to the Company and the municipality.

Section IV: HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

The Company shall indemnify and save harmless the municipality from any and all damages, judgements, costs and expenses of every kind, which may arise or result by reason of or in consequence of the acts or neglect of the Company, its agents or servants to fully comply with the provisions of this ordinance, and will save and keep harmless the municipality from any and all damages, judgements, costs and expenses caused by, or incident to, or in any manner resulting from, the erection of such poles, the laying of such conduit, and the stringing, construction and operating of said cables, anchors, wires, and electrical conductors, vaults, laterals, fixtures

and equipment, and the maintenance thereof, provided prompt notice in writing of all claims for such damages, cost and expenses, and reasonable opportunity to defend against the same are given the Company by the municipality, together with all information thereon in its possession.

The Company agrees to carry liability insurance on all of its equipment, structures, hardware, etc., in the amount of at least \$1,000,000.00 per incident.

Section V: FRANCHISE FEE

The permission and authority herein granted is upon the express condition that the Company, as consideration therefor, and as compensation for the use herein granted of streets, alleys, viaducts, elevated roadways, bridges, and other public ways, shall pay into the municipal treasury (in addition to all other compensation provided for in this ordinance) a sum equal to \_\_\_\_\_ percent of its gross operating revenues for local exchange services (excluding coin telephone service) rendered resulting from the use of its plant and properties within the municipality for the transmission of sound and signals or other means of communication by means of electricity.

Section VI: CHANGES IN FEES

Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed or taken as preventing the municipality whenever it shall be empowered by law to do so, from establishing, fixing, prescribing or regulating, any instruments, facilities or equipment, or regulating and controlling the plant, facilities, extensions, additions, betterments, equipment, appliances, services, rules, regulations, methods or practices.

Section VII: COLLECTION PROVISION

The Company hereby agrees to collect any and all franchise fees as are and may be required by this ordinance.

Section VIII: DEFAULT CLAUSE

In the event that the Company shall default in the observance or performance of any one or more of the agreements, duties or obligations imposed upon it by any of the provisions or conditions of this ordinance, and if any such default or defaults shall continue for a period of six months (exclusive of all times during which the Company may be delayed or interfered with, without its connivance, by unavoidable accidents, act of God or the public enemy, labor strikes or the orders or judgments of any commission or court entered in any suit or proceeding brought without its connivance) after written notice thereof to the Company from the municipality stating the alleged default on the part of the Company, then and in each and every such case the municipality in addition to all other rights and remedies allowed by law, shall be entitled to terminate the grant made to the Company under this ordinance.

Section IX: ANNEXATION PROVISION

The Company hereby agrees to provide service to any and all areas that may be annexed by the Town of Cinco Bayou. Service to all annexed areas should be available within six months of notification that a specified area has been annexed and is ready for service. If an area annexed is already being served by the Company, the Company will begin to collect all applicable franchise fees (as provided herein), within 60 days of notification. Any and all annexed areas will fall under the same terms and conditions of this ordinance as the current areas now located within the Municipality. The Municipality agrees to notify the Company of the names and addresses of the residents in newly annexed areas, within 30 days of the date of the annexation.

Section X: PERIODIC REVIEW PROVISIONS

The Company and the Municipality agree to meet through their designated representatives at five year intervals beginning with the fifth anniversary of the acceptance by the Company of this franchise, for the purpose of reviewing the provisions of this franchise in light of any technological or other pertinent changes which may have occurred since the granting of this franchise. In the event of any such change which impairs the fundamental purpose of this franchise, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith an appropriate modification of the franchise.

Section XI: FORCE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, upon receipt of the Company's unconditional written acceptance thereof by the Town Clerk within thirty days after approval of this ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_.

Town of Cinco Bayou: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Central Telephone Company of Florida: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) The date and amount of deposit;  
 (d) Each transaction concerning the deposit such as interest payment, interest credited or similar transactions.  
 (7) Receipt for Deposit. — A non-transferable certificate of deposit shall be issued to each customer and means provided so that the customer may claim the deposit if the certificate is lost. The deposit receipt shall contain notice that after ninety (90) days service, the subscriber is entitled to refund of any deposit over and above an amount equal to one month's local service plus two months' average toll service.  
 (8) Refund of deposit when service discontinued. — Upon termination of service, the deposit and accrued interest may be credited against the final account and the balance, if any, shall be returned promptly to the customer but in no event later than forty-five (45) days after service is discontinued.  
 Specific Authority 364.20 FS. Law Implemented 364.30, 366.30 FS. History—New 12-1-68, Amended 4-1-69, 7-20-73, 3-31-76, 6-10-80, 6-12-80.

**25-4.110 Customer Billing.**

(1) Each company shall issue bills monthly. Each bill shall show the delinquent date, set forth a clear listing of all charges due and payable, and, not later than December 1, 1982, contain the following statement: "Itemization of local billing available upon request." Each company shall comply with reasonable requests from subscribers for such an itemized statement of charges.  
 (2) Each company shall make appropriate adjustments or refunds where the subscriber's service is interrupted by other than the subscriber's negligent or willful act, and remains out of order in excess of twenty-four (24) hours after the subscriber notifies the company of the interruption. The refund to the subscriber shall be the pro rata part of the month's charge for the period of days and that portion of the service and facilities rendered useless or inoperative; except that the refund shall not be applicable for the time that the company stands ready to repair the service and the subscriber does not provide access to the company for such restoration work. The refund may be accomplished by a credit on a subsequent bill for telephone service.  
 (3)(a) Bills shall not be considered delinquent prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing or delivery by the utility. However, the company may demand immediate payment under the following circumstances:  
 1. Where service is terminated or abandoned.  
 2. Where toll service is two (2) times greater than the subscriber's average usage as reflected on the monthly bills for the three (3) months prior to the current bill or, in the case of a new customer who has been receiving service for less than four (4) months, where the toll service is twice the estimated monthly toll service.  
 (b) The demand for immediate payment shall be accompanied by a bill which itemizes the charges for which payment is demanded or, if the demand is made orally, an itemized bill shall be mailed or delivered to the customer within three (3) days after the demand is made.  
 (c) If the company cannot present an itemized bill, it may present a summarized bill which includes the customer's name and address and the total amount due. However, a customer may refuse to make payment until an itemized bill is presented. The company shall inform the customer that he may refuse payment until an itemized bill is presented.

(4) Each telephone company shall include a bill insert advising each subscriber of the directory closing date and of the subscriber's opportunity to correct any error or make such changes as the subscriber deems necessary in advance of the closing date. Such notices shall be included in the billing cycle closest to sixty (60) days preceding the directory closing date.

(5) Where any undercharge in billing of a customer is the result of company mistake, the company may not backbill in excess of twelve months. Nor may the company recover in a ratemaking proceeding, any lost revenue which inures to the company's detriment on account of this provision.

**(6) Franchise fees.**

(a) When a municipality charges a company any franchise fee, the company may collect the fee only from its subscribers receiving service within the municipality. When a county charges a company any franchise fee, the company may collect that fee only from its subscribers receiving service within that county.

(b) A company may not incorporate any franchise fee into its other rates for service.

(c) Each company shall implement the provisions of this subsection at the time of its next general rate increase or decrease, or after the expiration of two years from the effective date of this subsection, whichever occurs first.

(d) This subsection shall not be construed as granting a municipality or county the authority to charge a franchise fee. This subsection only specifies the method of collection of a franchise fee, if a municipality or county, having authority to do so, charges a franchise fee.

Specific Authority: 364.20. F.S. Law Implemented: 364.03, 366.03, 368.03, 370.03, 372.03, 374.03, 376.03, 378.03, 380.03, 382.03, 384.03, 386.03, 388.03, 390.03, 392.03, 394.03, 396.03, 398.03, 400.03, 402.03, 404.03, 406.03, 408.03, 410.03, 412.03, 414.03, 416.03, 418.03, 420.03, 422.03, 424.03, 426.03, 428.03, 430.03, 432.03, 434.03, 436.03, 438.03, 440.03, 442.03, 444.03, 446.03, 448.03, 450.03, 452.03, 454.03, 456.03, 458.03, 460.03, 462.03, 464.03, 466.03, 468.03, 470.03, 472.03, 474.03, 476.03, 478.03, 480.03, 482.03, 484.03, 486.03, 488.03, 490.03, 492.03, 494.03, 496.03, 498.03, 500.03, 502.03, 504.03, 506.03, 508.03, 510.03, 512.03, 514.03, 516.03, 518.03, 520.03, 522.03, 524.03, 526.03, 528.03, 530.03, 532.03, 534.03, 536.03, 538.03, 540.03, 542.03, 544.03, 546.03, 548.03, 550.03, 552.03, 554.03, 556.03, 558.03, 560.03, 562.03, 564.03, 566.03, 568.03, 570.03, 572.03, 574.03, 576.03, 578.03, 580.03, 582.03, 584.03, 586.03, 588.03, 590.03, 592.03, 594.03, 596.03, 598.03, 600.03, 602.03, 604.03, 606.03, 608.03, 610.03, 612.03, 614.03, 616.03, 618.03, 620.03, 622.03, 624.03, 626.03, 628.03, 630.03, 632.03, 634.03, 636.03, 638.03, 640.03, 642.03, 644.03, 646.03, 648.03, 650.03, 652.03, 654.03, 656.03, 658.03, 660.03, 662.03, 664.03, 666.03, 668.03, 670.03, 672.03, 674.03, 676.03, 678.03, 680.03, 682.03, 684.03, 686.03, 688.03, 690.03, 692.03, 694.03, 696.03, 698.03, 700.03, 702.03, 704.03, 706.03, 708.03, 710.03, 712.03, 714.03, 716.03, 718.03, 720.03, 722.03, 724.03, 726.03, 728.03, 730.03, 732.03, 734.03, 736.03, 738.03, 740.03, 742.03, 744.03, 746.03, 748.03, 750.03, 752.03, 754.03, 756.03, 758.03, 760.03, 762.03, 764.03, 766.03, 768.03, 770.03, 772.03, 774.03, 776.03, 778.03, 780.03, 782.03, 784.03, 786.03, 788.03, 790.03, 792.03, 794.03, 796.03, 798.03, 800.03, 802.03, 804.03, 806.03, 808.03, 810.03, 812.03, 814.03, 816.03, 818.03, 820.03, 822.03, 824.03, 826.03, 828.03, 830.03, 832.03, 834.03, 836.03, 838.03, 840.03, 842.03, 844.03, 846.03, 848.03, 850.03, 852.03, 854.03, 856.03, 858.03, 860.03, 862.03, 864.03, 866.03, 868.03, 870.03, 872.03, 874.03, 876.03, 878.03, 880.03, 882.03, 884.03, 886.03, 888.03, 890.03, 892.03, 894.03, 896.03, 898.03, 900.03, 902.03, 904.03, 906.03, 908.03, 910.03, 912.03, 914.03, 916.03, 918.03, 920.03, 922.03, 924.03, 926.03, 928.03, 930.03, 932.03, 934.03, 936.03, 938.03, 940.03, 942.03, 944.03, 946.03, 948.03, 950.03, 952.03, 954.03, 956.03, 958.03, 960.03, 962.03, 964.03, 966.03, 968.03, 970.03, 972.03, 974.03, 976.03, 978.03, 980.03, 982.03, 984.03, 986.03, 988.03, 990.03, 992.03, 994.03, 996.03, 998.03, 1000.03.

**25-4.111 Customer Complaints and Service Requests.**

(1) Each telephone utility shall make a full and prompt investigation of all complaints and service requests made by its customers, either directly to it or through the Commission and respond to the initiating party within fifteen (15) days. The term "complaint" as used in this rule shall be construed to mean any oral or written report from a subscriber or user of telephone service relating to a physical defect, difficulty or dissatisfaction with the operation of telephone facilities, errors in billing or the quality of service rendered.

(2) Arrangements shall be made by each telephone company to receive customer trouble reports twenty-four (24) hours daily and to clear trouble of an emergency nature at all hours, consistent with the bona fide needs of the customer and personal safety of utility personnel.

(3) If the use of service by any subscriber interferes unreasonably with the necessary service of other customers, such subscribers may be required to take service in sufficient quantity or of a different class or grade.

Specific Authority 364.20 FS. Law Implemented 364.03, 366.03, 368.03, 370.03, 372.03, 374.03, 376.03, 378.03, 380.03, 382.03, 384.03, 386.03, 388.03, 390.03, 392.03, 394.03, 396.03, 398.03, 400.03, 402.03, 404.03, 406.03, 408.03, 410.03, 412.03, 414.03, 416.03, 418.03, 420.03, 422.03, 424.03, 426.03, 428.03, 430.03, 432.03, 434.03, 436.03, 438.03, 440.03, 442.03, 444.03, 446.03, 448.03, 450.03, 452.03, 454.03, 456.03, 458.03, 460.03, 462.03, 464.03, 466.03, 468.03, 470.03, 472.03, 474.03, 476.03, 478.03, 480.03, 482.03, 484.03, 486.03, 488.03, 490.03, 492.03, 494.03, 496.03, 498.03, 500.03, 502.03, 504.03, 506.03, 508.03, 510.03, 512.03, 514.03, 516.03, 518.03, 520.03, 522.03, 524.03, 526.03, 528.03, 530.03, 532.03, 534.03, 536.03, 538.03, 540.03, 542.03, 544.03, 546.03, 548.03, 550.03, 552.03, 554.03, 556.03, 558.03, 560.03, 562.03, 564.03, 566.03, 568.03, 570.03, 572.03, 574.03, 576.03, 578.03, 580.03, 582.03, 584.03, 586.03, 588.03, 590.03, 592.03, 594.03, 596.03, 598.03, 600.03, 602.03, 604.03, 606.03, 608.03, 610.03, 612.03, 614.03, 616.03, 618.03, 620.03, 622.03, 624.03, 626.03, 628.03, 630.03, 632.03, 634.03, 636.03, 638.03, 640.03, 642.03, 644.03, 646.03, 648.03, 650.03, 652.03, 654.03, 656.03, 658.03, 660.03, 662.03, 664.03, 666.03, 668.03, 670.03, 672.03, 674.03, 676.03, 678.03, 680.03, 682.03, 684.03, 686.03, 688.03, 690.03, 692.03, 694.03, 696.03, 698.03, 700.03, 702.03, 704.03, 706.03, 708.03, 710.03, 712.03, 714.03, 716.03, 718.03, 720.03, 722.03, 724.03, 726.03, 728.03, 730.03, 732.03, 734.03, 736.03, 738.03, 740.03, 742.03, 744.03, 746.03, 748.03, 750.03, 752.03, 754.03, 756.03, 758.03, 760.03, 762.03, 764.03, 766.03, 768.03, 770.03, 772.03, 774.03, 776.03, 778.03, 780.03, 782.03, 784.03, 786.03, 788.03, 790.03, 792.03, 794.03, 796.03, 798.03, 800.03, 802.03, 804.03, 806.03, 808.03, 810.03, 812.03, 814.03, 816.03, 818.03, 820.03, 822.03, 824.03, 826.03, 828.03, 830.03, 832.03, 834.03, 836.03, 838.03, 840.03, 842.03, 844.03, 846.03, 848.03, 850.03, 852.03, 854.03, 856.03, 858.03, 860.03, 862.03, 864.03, 866.03, 868.03, 870.03, 872.03, 874.03, 876.03, 878.03, 880.03, 882.03, 884.03, 886.03, 888.03, 890.03, 892.03, 894.03, 896.03, 898.03, 900.03, 902.03, 904.03, 906.03, 908.03, 910.03, 912.03, 914.03, 916.03, 918.03, 920.03, 922.03, 924.03, 926.03, 928.03, 930.03, 932.03, 934.03, 936.03, 938.03, 940.03, 942.03, 944.03, 946.03, 948.03, 950.03, 952.03, 954.03, 956.03, 958.03, 960.03, 962.03, 964.03, 966.03, 968.03, 970.03, 972.03, 974.03, 976.03, 978.03, 980.03, 982.03, 984.03, 986.03, 988.03, 990.03, 992.03, 994.03, 996.03, 998.03, 1000.03.

**25-4.112 Termination of Service by Customer.**

Any customer may be required to give reasonable notice of his intention to discontinue service. Until the telephone utility shall be notified, the customer may be held responsible for charges for telephone service.

Specific Authority 364.20 FS. Law Implemented 364.03, 366.03, 368.03, 370.03, 372.03, 374.03, 376.03, 378.03, 380.03, 382.03, 384.03, 386.03, 388.03, 390.03, 392.03, 394.03, 396.03, 398.03, 400.03, 402.03, 404.03, 406.03, 408.03, 410.03, 412.03, 414.03, 416.03, 418.03, 420.03, 422.03, 424.03, 426.03, 428.03, 430.03, 432.03, 434.03, 436.03, 438.03, 440.03, 442.03, 444.03, 446.03, 448.03, 450.03, 452.03, 454.03, 456.03, 458.03, 460.03, 462.03, 464.03, 466.03, 468.03, 470.03, 472.03, 474.03, 476.03, 478.03, 480.03, 482.03, 484.03, 486.03, 488.03, 490.03, 492.03, 494.03, 496.03, 498.03, 500.03, 502.03, 504.03, 506.03, 508.03, 510.03, 512.03, 514.03, 516.03, 518.03, 520.03, 522.03, 524.03, 526.03, 528.03, 530.03, 532.03, 534.03, 536.03, 538.03, 540.03, 542.03, 544.03, 546.03, 548.03, 550.03, 552.03, 554.03, 556.03, 558.03, 560.03, 562.03, 564.03, 566.03, 568.03, 570.03, 572.03, 574.03, 576.03, 578.03, 580.03, 582.03, 584.03, 586.03, 588.03, 590.03, 592.03, 594.03, 596.03, 598.03, 600.03, 602.03, 604.03, 606.03, 608.03, 610.03, 612.03, 614.03, 616.03, 618.03, 620.03, 622.03, 624.03, 626.03, 628.03, 630.03, 632.03, 634.03, 636.03, 638.03, 640.03, 642.03, 644.03, 646.03, 648.03, 650.03, 652.03, 654.03, 656.03, 658.03, 660.03, 662.03, 664.03, 666.03, 668.03, 670.03, 672.03, 674.03, 676.03, 678.03, 680.03, 682.03, 684.03, 686.03, 688.03, 690.03, 692.03, 694.03, 696.03, 698.03, 700.03, 702.03, 704.03, 706.03, 708.03, 710.03, 712.03, 714.03, 716.03, 718.03, 720.03, 722.03, 724.03, 726.03, 728.03, 730.03, 732.03, 734.03, 736.03, 738.03, 740.03, 742.03, 744.03, 746.03, 748.03, 750.03, 752.03, 754.03, 756.03, 758.03, 760.03, 762.03, 764.03, 766.03, 768.03, 770.03, 772.03, 774.03, 776.03, 778.03, 780.03, 782.03, 784.03, 786.03, 788.03, 790.03, 792.03, 794.03, 796.03, 798.03, 800.03, 802.03, 804.03, 806.03, 808.03, 810.03, 812.03, 814.03, 816.03, 818.03, 820.03, 822.03, 824.03, 826.03, 828.03, 830.03, 832.03, 834.03, 836.03, 838.03, 840.03, 842.03, 844.03, 846.03, 848.03, 850.03, 852.03, 854.03, 856.03, 858.03, 860.03, 862.03, 864.03, 866.03, 868.03, 870.03, 872.03, 874.03, 876.03, 878.03, 880.03, 882.03, 884.03, 886.03, 888.03, 890.03, 892.03, 894.03, 896.03, 898.03, 900.03, 902.03, 904.03, 906.03, 908.03, 910.03, 912.03, 914.03, 916.03, 918.03, 920.03, 922.03, 924.03, 926.03, 928.03, 930.03, 932.03, 934.03, 936.03, 938.03, 940.03, 942.03, 944.03, 946.03, 948.03, 950.03, 952.03, 954.03, 956.03, 958.03, 960.03, 962.03, 964.03, 966.03, 968.03, 970.03, 972.03, 974.03, 976.03, 978.03, 980.03, 982.03, 984.03, 986.03, 988.03, 990.03, 992.03, 994.03, 996.03, 998.03, 1000.03.

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU REVENUES FOR OCTOBER 1983 THROUGH JUNE, 1984

ACCOUNT	TITLE	FYE 84 BUDGET	OCT THRU JUNE
	ad valorem Taxes: Current	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 32,599.13
	<u>Gulf Power Company</u>		
313100	Franchise Fee	16,000.00	12,201.12
314100	Utility Service Tax	13,000.00	9,856.90
	<u>Centel</u>		
313200	Franchise Fee	2,000.00	1,266.84
314200	Utility Service Tax	7,000.00	4,132.50
	<u>Okaloosa Gas District</u>		
313400	Franchise Fee	1,300.00	1,721.35
314400	Utility Service	3,500.00	3,037.79
313900	Warner Cable: Franchise Fee	400.00	--
314300	Fort Walton Beach(Water)Utility Service Tax	2,400.00	1,846.69
321100	Cinco Bayou Occupational Licenses	6,500.00	6,998.25
332100	Federal Revenue Sharing	5,000.00	2,468.00
	<u>State Shared Revenue</u>		
335110	Cigarette Tax	850.00	613.01
335120	Revenue Sharing Proceeds	21,997.00	14,664.00
335140	Mobile Home Licenses	100.00	209.25
335150	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	478.00	478.80
335180	Local Government - Half-Cent Sales Tax	5,200.00	3,749.74
338100	Road and Bridge Tax - Okaloosa County	2,000.00	2,469.82
338200	Occupational Licenses - Okaloosa County	100.00	55.11
351100	Municipal Fines - Okaloosa County	1,500.00	1,771.00
361110	Barnett Bank (Interest-CD's, MM, & Savings)	7,500.00	9,170.16
361140	1st Mutual (Interest-CD's, MM)	4,500.00	610.83
369000	Other Miscellaneous Revenues	500.00	1,545.83
	TOTAL	\$ 134,425.00	\$ 111,466.12

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER 1983 THROUGH JUNE, 1984

ACCOUNT	TITLE	FYE 84 BUDGET	OCT THRU JUNE
20310	Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,700.00
51312	Salaries and Wages	28,754.00	19,863.95
51332	Accounting and Auditing	3,200.00	3,200.00
51431	Professional Services (Legal Counsel)	5,000.00	1,980.00
51931	Professional Services (Other)	2,000.00	1,000.00
51940	Travel and Per Diem	7,000.00	4,823.91
51941	Communication Services	800.00	339.32
51942	Transportation	180.00	105.55
51943	Utility Services (Town Hall)	1,950.00	1,313.34
51945	Insurance	2,800.00	2,161.00
51946	Repairs & Maintenance	750.00	1,228.05
51949	Other Current Charges	500.00	517.88
51951	Office Supplies	900.00	679.03
51952	Operating Supplies	1,850.00	1,261.59
51954	Books, Publications, Subscriptions & Memberships	1,150.00	1,501.00
51964	Capital Outlay	1,565.00	4,026.82
51982	Aid to Private Organizations	400.00	--
52100	Law Enforcement	6,600.00	4,950.00
52210	Fire Control (General Fund)	37,900.00	29,870.94
52220	Fire Control (Federal Revenue Sharing)	5,000.00	5,145.00

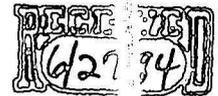
TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER 1983 THROUGH JUNE, 1984

ACCOUNT	TITLE	FYE 84 BUDGET	OCT THRU JUNE
54110	Salaries and wages (Streets)	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 665.00
54143	Utility Service	5,500.00	3,252.57
54146	Repairs and Maintenance	7,000.00	275.23
54152	Operating Supplies	200.00	27.60
54153	Road Materials and Supplies	500.00	--
57212	Salaries and Wages (Parks and Recreation)	5,100.00	1,751.00
57243	Utilities (Elec/Water/Garbage)	1,000.00	447.16
57246	Repairs and Maintenance	1,200.00	182.84
57253	Operating Supplies	500.00	230.82
57400	Special Events	<u>420.00</u>	<u>376.92</u>
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$134,424.00	\$ 93,876.52



# City of Holmes Beach

June 22, 1984



Dear Elected Officials and/or City Managers:

The matter of mandated consolidation of smaller cities via the local Special Act procedure continues to be a threat to some of our smaller cities.

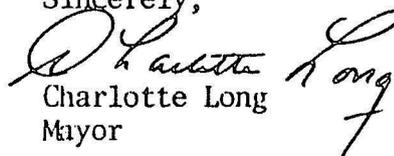
The Legislative Delegation of Volusia County was giving serious consideration to having a local special act enacted forcing consolidation of cities within the Halifax area. As a result of much opposition a Halifax Study Commission was established to determine the advisability of such a consolidation.

Mr. Otto Schulze of Daytona Beach Shores has advised me the study has been completed with the basic recommendation consolidation be affected. It appears the issue of how smaller cities manage growth was a major concern, however no cost effective study on consolidation was done. Reference was made to the possibility of the cities maintaining their name identity and some limited powers but no specific criteria was established.

You are aware, of course, the rumored Municipal Sunset legislation of cities with populations of less than 3,000 did not materialize during the 1984 legislative session despite the fact there are legislators who would favor such action.

What is developing in Volusia County could happen elsewhere, particularly with the strong State oriented growth management policies that are evolving. We as small cities should be growth management conscious, be aware of proposed annexation laws and make every effort to maintain the home rule powers given us. We can do this through contact with all influence on our individual legislative delegations.

Sincerely,

  
Charlotte Long  
Mayor

# PANHANDLE LEAGUE OF CITIES

c/o The Center for State and Local Government  
The University of West Florida  
Pensacola, Florida 32504

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June 27, 1984

EARLY NOTICE  
of  
ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

The annual summer meeting of the Panhandle League has been tentatively scheduled for August 3. Please mark the date and plan to attend. This year's meeting will be held at the Harbour House Restaurant in Panama City. State Representative James Harold Thompson (Quincy), who will be Speaker of the House in 1985, has been invited to be the after-dinner speaker.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GREATER FORT WALTON BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear Fellow Businessmen,

**FACT:**

- The economic situation in this country has made tremendous strides since the last recession and we neither have to nor want to give them up.
- We have come to a crossroad. The business world and financial markets are looking for continued direction and leadership.
- This direction is going to come from elected officials both in Washington and on the local scene. The free market place and surrounding business conditions are fine. It has become a political situation and the outcome of elections this late summer and fall are critical.
- The voter turnout from the business community has been proven to be very, very low historically. The reasons are not known but this is fact and has helped lead to existing problems.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- REGISTER TO VOTE AND VOTE. Also, encourage your employees to do the same. The registration books close Saturday August 4th at 5 P.M.
- Two special days have been set aside for voter registration in the business community:  
  
Wednesday July 11th at the Santa Rosa Mall Lobby  
and Thursday July 12th in the corner of the Fort Walton Square Shopping Center from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
- We can control what we do with our businesses without voting. We cannot control what politicians do to our businesses without voting. See you at the Polls!

On behalf of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, thank you.

*Chip Haring*  
Chip Haring

BILLBOARDS.

DOWN JULY 1, 1989.

JOHNSTON

COOK

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DOWN JULY 1, 1989.

CURTIS MATHIS (THOMPSON BROS).

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CURTIS MATHIS (THOMPSON BROS).

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JOHNSTON - MOTEL

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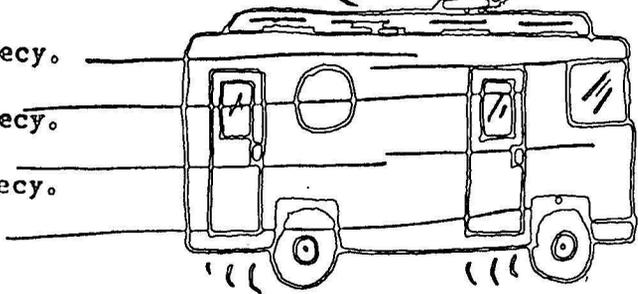
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OKALOOSA REGIONAL BOOKMOBILE IN TRANSIT, INC.

DEC 30 1984

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FURNISHING OUTREACH RESOURCES TO HOMES

June 30, 1984

Mayor Max Usrey  
56 Yacht Club Drive  
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

Dear Mayor:

As you probably know, we are applying for a grant to support the Bookmobile while the Endowment Fund Campaign is under way. A letter from you on your letterhead commending the Bookmobile program would be very helpful.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret S. Gebauer*

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## NARRATIVE EVALUATION OF THE OKALOOSA REGIONAL BOOKMOBILE IN TRANSIT

The philosophy of the Okaloosa Regional Bookmobile Board of Directors is one of providing equal opportunity for all to read, listen, and learn in order to move in the educational, cultural, and spiritual mainstream of life, regardless of race, color, creed, political affiliation, age, or status, social, physical, or mental.

The Regional Bookmobile service is free to all who desire to use its materials. There is no membership fee, there are no restrictions, and no fines for overdue books or cassettes. (Over the past years of the Bookmobile program, the number of lost books has been minimal. It is customary for users to call to return books or tapes if they have been on vacation or ill and unable to meet the van on the correct date.)

Nearly 3,000 persons enjoy in one month the biweekly visit made by the Bookmobile and at last count of a full year's run, 47,540 books had been distributed. This does not include the free materials of magazines, pamphlets, or certain donated books, or the growing number of cassettes.

The number of stops has greatly increased from a former figure of 41 locations to over 100, due to the need for rolling right to the front door of many home-bound or handicapped persons who are unable to get to a corner stop or to a parking lot. This is especially important for those clients who are failing in eyesight, making even reading large print books difficult, so that they need help in selecting cassettes or 8-track tapes. ORBIT, Inc. is not a religious organization, but it accepts contributions of books, cassettes, and tapes of readings and music from all denominations. The Bookmobile driver often goes into the home to provide personal service.

The Bookmobile serves residents in retirement areas, low income or high resort areas, convalescent homes, rehabilitation centers, prisons. It goes to trailer parks, schools, churches, business parking lots--anywhere there is a need to provide materials for persons who cannot safely or independently use a city library.

The program is primarily for reading and listening, but it also encourages writing. Statistics indicate that students and employees lack facility and skill in expressing ideas of facts in writing. For this reason the Bookmobile offers prizes during the year for the best essay or best paragraph describing a book. This has proved especially valuable and interesting for children and adults living in remote areas in the county.

PEEK & PEEK  
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92 EASTVIEW AVE. P.O. BOX 147  
VALPARAISO, FLORIDA 32580  
PHONE (904) 678-1178

HAROLD F. PEEK, JR.  
SAMUEL M. PEEK

July 5, 1984

Mr. Albert S. Borchik, Jr.  
Town Clerk  
Town of Cinco Bayou  
35 Kelly Avenue (Cinco Bayou)  
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32548

Dear Mr. Borchik:

Attached is my application for Town Attorney of  
Cinco Bayou, along with copies for all of the Town  
Council.

As a native of Cinco Bayou, it is with a special  
sense of humility, pride and appreciation that I am  
applying.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely yours,



Harold F. Peek, Jr.  
Attorney at Law

HFP/vc  
Attachments

RESUME OF

HAROLD F. PEEK, JR.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
92 Eastview Avenue  
P. O. Box 147 (mailing address)  
Valparaiso, Florida 32580  
(904) 678-1178

PERSONAL DATA

Date of Birth: July 8, 1948  
Place of Birth: Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
Marital Status: Married; Karen L. Peek  
Hobbies: Square Dancing and yardwork

EDUCATION

High School: Choctawhatchee High School  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
Graduated, 1966

Under Graduate Studies: Okaloosa-Walton Junior College  
Niceville, Florida  
A.A. Degree, 1968  
Approximate 3.23 Grade Point Average

Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Graduated, 1970 - B.A. Business  
Administration, 3.2+ Grade Point  
Average

Graduate Studies: Florida State University  
College of Law  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Graduated, 1973  
Graduated approximately upper  
one-third of class

EMPLOYMENT

November, 1981 to present: Peek & Peek, Attorneys at Law  
Valparaiso, Florida

Partner in private practice in Valparaiso, Florida,  
with a general civil and criminal practice.

January, 1976 to November, 1981 Harold F. Peek, Jr., Attorney at Law  
Valparaiso-Niceville, Florida

Sole practitioner in private practice in the Valparaiso-  
Niceville area with a general civil and criminal practice.

December, 1974 to October, 1976 Moore & Anchors, P.A.  
Attorneys at Law  
Niceville, Florida

Associate in law firm in Niceville-Valparaiso area,  
general civil and criminal practice.

September, 1974 to December, 1974 Legal Division  
Department of Business Regulation  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida

Staff Attorney working on Administrative hearings for  
beverage licensees as prosecuting attorney or hearing officer.

March, 1973 to September, 1974 Legal Division  
Department of Transportation  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida

Employed as Staff Attorney with work consisting of  
trials and hearings regarding eminent domain in Circuit Court  
and administrative law hearings.

RESUME OF  
Harold F. Peek, Jr.  
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CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Member of the First United Methodist Church of Niceville, Florida, 1976 to present; member of the Administrative Board and Finance Committee of the First United Methodist Church of Niceville, Florida; member of the Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club; member of the Chamber of Commerce; member of Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

6/25/84

RESOLUTION

5-24-84

WHEREAS, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce is supportive of the Free Enterprise System, which made this country great, and

WHEREAS, it is a privilege to conduct business within Okaloosa County and its many cities because of the favorable business climate, and

WHEREAS, during recent months there has developed a problem causing concern to those permanent businesses within the county who regularly pay their occupational licenses, collect and forward sales taxes, pay personal property taxes, and support local civic and business activities, and

WHEREAS, the problem has been evident since the death of the late John Tatum, a former employee with the Tax Collector's Office, whose responsibility it was to enforce the licensing requirements, and

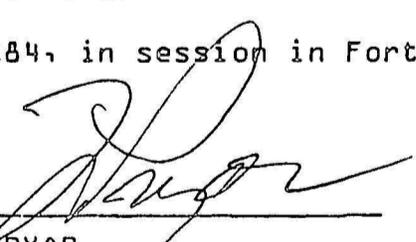
WHEREAS, no replacement has been made for the position; therefore, businesses are operating within the county without licenses, thereby depriving the county and its citizens of the funds and protection that would otherwise be available, and

WHEREAS, more and more fly-by-night vendors are finding their way to Okaloosa County and are causing considerable concern and loss to area residents and businesses,

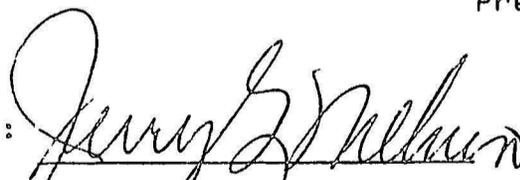
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce does hereby call upon each of the cities and the county to meet jointly to develop a unified licensing and enforcement procedure to assure that businesses operating have a valid license and that proper credentials are available so those concerned may follow up should there be a question.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this document be furnished to the various governmental bodies concerned with the request that appropriate action be taken.

ADOPTED THIS 24th day of May, 1984, in session in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

  
FRED PRYOR  
President

ATTEST:

  
Jerry G. Melvin  
Executive Vice President

## Stokes disputes resolution wording

By BRUCE KOEHLER  
Daily News Staff Writer

A resolution passed this week by the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce has been labeled as misleading by Okaloosa County Tax Collector Joseph "Buck" Stokes.

At their monthly luncheon Monday, members of the Crestview chamber gave voice-vote approval to a resolution calling for better enforcement of occupational license requirements.

The same resolution was passed previously by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and forwarded to Crestview's chamber.

Halfway through the measure is a paragraph saying a problem with unlicensed businesses "has been evident since the death of the late John Tatum, a former employee with the tax collector's office, whose responsibility it was to enforce the licensing requirements." Stokes, who said he was never contacted about the problem by either chamber, took issue Tuesday with this

wording and questioned whether it could be politically motivated.

Stokes said that part of the resolution saying Tatum was responsible for enforcement of licensing requirements is wrong.

"The sheriff of Okaloosa County is responsible for the enforcement of occupational licenses," Stokes said. "There is no way in the world a tax collector can make a person buy an occupational license.

"A county tax collector is not a pistol-toter. A county tax collector cannot arrest anybody and I do not have anyone working for me who has that right."

Tatum, who died in March 1983, did not specialize in occupational licenses, Stokes said. The man was a deputy tax collector who helped supervise the sale of hunting licenses, fishing licenses, occupational licenses and boat registrations at the tax collector's office in the Shalimar annex, Stokes said. Tatum also worked with ad valorem taxes and spent most of his time collecting personal property taxes, he added.

According to the resolution, "no replacement has been made for the position" once held by Tatum. Stokes said that also is inaccurate.

The resolution goes on to say that "more and more fly-by-night vendors are finding their way to Okaloosa County and are causing considerable concern and loss to area residents and businesses." This is causing concern among permanent area businesses that "pay their occupational licenses, collect and forward sales taxes, pay personal property taxes, and support local civic and business activities," the measure says.

In proposing a solution, the resolution calls for the county and cities "to meet jointly to develop a unified licensing and enforcement procedure to assure that businesses operating have a valid license and that proper credentials are available so those concerned may follow up should there be a question."

Stokes expressed agreement with the proposed solu-

tion. He went on to say the county needs to hire a full-time license inspector.

Stokes said the tax collector's office gathers about \$30,000 annually in occupational license fees, but retains only 2 percent — \$1,800 — for administrative costs. Actual administrative costs total about \$6,000 a year, he added. The balance of the \$30,000 is shared by the county and cities according to population.

Most occupational licenses sell for \$9 to \$15 each, Stokes said. The tax collector's office would spend more money than it could raise by trying to actively enforce purchase of occupational licenses, he said.

According to Stokes and a spokeswoman at the Fort Walton Beach chamber, the resolution was written by Jerry Melvin, executive vice president of the Fort Walton Beach chamber. Melvin could not be reached for comment Wednesday because he was at a Kiwanis convention in Phoenix, Ariz.

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# Voter registration program set

Wednesday, July 11, at Santa Rosa Mall and Thursday, July 12, at Fort Walton Square Shopping Center have been set for special voter registration action days by the special Task Force of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, according to Chip Haring, Task Force Chairman.

On these two days, each individual businessman and woman is asked to make sure that he or she is registered to vote. Also, each individual should make sure that his or her employees are also registered to vote.

"The voter turnout from the business community has been proven to be very low, historically," Haring said, "and while the reasons are not known, our lack of action has helped lead to existing problems."

Haring pointed out that the voter registration books will close Saturday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m. for the primary election; therefore, it is important that registration be accomplished as soon as possible.

In a recent publication of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, an article stated,

"The goal of our ambitious voter-registration drive is to ensure that business people, who under the strength and vitality of the free market, take time to register and to vote on Election Day, November 6," said Van P. Smith in his recent inaugural address as chairman of the board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Statistics show why voter registration is the top political priority of the business community in 1984.

In the November 1982 elections, only 106 million of 165 million eligible Americans were registered to vote — just 64 percent.

Since then, 8.5 million more Americans have become eligible voters.

So, obviously, there are tens of millions of unregistered Americans who could make the difference in this November's election results — if they register by then and vote.

The article points out statistics from the recent Census Bureau study of the 1982 elections:

\* Over 40 percent of "managers and

administrators" failed to vote; more than 25 percent of them were not even registered.

\* Over 36 percent of "professional, technical and kindred workers" (including accountants, architects, dentists, engineers, lawyers, and scientists) failed to vote; more than 22 percent were not registered.

\* Over 45 percent of sales workers (including advertising agents, insurance

agents and brokers, real estate agents and brokers, and stock and bond sales agents) failed to vote; more than 30 percent were not registered.

\* Over 43 percent of "self-employed workers" failed to vote; 28 percent were not registered.

Which category do you fit in? Why not register to vote and encourage your associates and employees to register and vote!

## Counties and cities urged to act to control illegal businesses

The Board of County Commission has been requested by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce to see that someone is hired to crack down on businesses operating in the county without proper licenses.

The Resolution pointed out that most businesses work within the proper bounds by purchasing occupational licenses, renting buildings and paying whatever fees and taxes required. However, since the death of the late John Tatum (who worked out of Tax Collector Buck Stokes' office), there has been no one enforcing the issue.

The Resolution asked the Cities, the County and others to take immediate action to see that the issue is considered and strict enforcement be adopted.