



**An Ordinance Establishing
The Town of St. James as a Bird Sanctuary
Ordinance 2018-01**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-188 a town may by ordinance create and establish a bird sanctuary within the town limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of St. James finds that it is appropriate and in keeping with the natural heritage of the town that a bird sanctuary within the town limits be created.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council for the Town of St. James, North Carolina as follows:

1. As used herein, the term "Bird Sanctuary" includes an area of land that supports the conservation of year-round and migratory bird species and their natural habitats.
2. A Bird Sanctuary is hereby created and established within the town to conform with the corporate boundaries thereof pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-188.
3. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, kill trap or otherwise take any protected birds within the town limits except pursuant to a permit issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Abandoned bird nests or nests not containing eggs, may be removed with the exception of nests made by birds of prey.
4. For birds deemed a nuisance by owners or organizations within the Town of St. James all Federal, N.C. State laws, and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission rules must be followed.
5. A violation of this ordinance shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be punishable in accordance with State laws.
6. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be at the discretion of Brunswick County Animal Control Department and/or the State of North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Adopted this 6 day of February 2018

ATTEST: Gary F. Brian
Gary Brian, Town Clerk

Jean Toner
Jean Toner, Mayor