

RESOLUTION 2010-~~N/A~~

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA EXPRESSING STONG OPPOSITION TO THE STATEWIDE APPLICATION OF NEW SEPTIC TANK INSPECTION AND REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Taylor County possesses the home rule authority granted in the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes to exercise the broad powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, SB 550, which creates new septic tank maintenance and inspection requirements, was originally intended to affect those properties with septic tanks in close proximity to Florida's springs but was changed during the legislative process to cover all properties with septic tanks wherever located within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners supports the protection of springs and supports strict regulation of septic tanks located close to springs; and

WHEREAS, local governments' exercise of its legislative and quasi-judicial powers provides the appropriate mechanism to address these issues within a county; and

WHEREAS, Taylor County Board of County Commissioners does not believe it appropriate to impose the same strict regulation of septic tanks throughout Taylor County, even to those septic tanks that are far removed from springs and have no impact on them; and

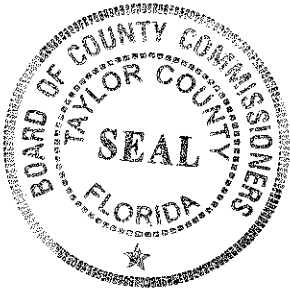
WHEREAS, Taylor County is very concerned about the economic impact of such strict regulation of septic tanks where annual inspection fees and septic tank replacement costs can be substantial and will result in an unnecessary burden on homeowners whose septic tanks have no impact on springs; and

WHEREAS, the State should be especially cautious imposing unnecessary burdens on home owners and those desiring to purchase a home during the serious economic downturn that our residents are facing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY THAT:

1. The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners strongly opposes the implementation of the new septic tank maintenance and inspection requirements outside of springs protection areas.
2. The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners requests that the Governor and Department of Health delay the implementation of the new septic tank maintenance and inspection requirements until such time as the Legislature has an opportunity to reconsider this ill-advised legislation.
3. Upon adoption, the Clerk of the Court as Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners to send a copy of this Resolution to Charlie Crist, Governor, to Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., State Surgeon General and head of the Florida Department of Health, to the County's legislative delegation, the Florida Association of Counties, and the Small County's Coalition.

DULY ADOPTED this the 1st day of November, 2010.




Taylor County Board of
County Commissioners



Mark Wiggins, Chair

Attest:


Annie Mae Murphy, Clerk