

RESOLUTION 2010-044

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

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 which was changed in the course of the legislative process to cover all properties with septic tanks wherever located within the state; and

Whereas, the Gadsden County Commission supports the protection of springs and supports strict regulation of septic tanks located close to springs; and

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

Whereas, Gadsden 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 about imposing unnecessary burdens on home ownership and home sales during this serious downturn in real estate activity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Gadsden County Commission expresses its strong opposition to the implementation of the new septic tank maintenance and inspection requirements outside of springs protection areas.

Section 2. The Gadsden County Commission 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.

Section 3. Upon adoption, the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Charlie Crist; to Dr. Ana M. Viamonte Ros, State Surgeon General and Secretary of the Florida Department of Health; and to Gadsden County's legislative delegation.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Eugene Lamb, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Circuit Court