



Orange County  
Council of Mayors

**Resolution 2010-01**

RESOLUTION  
*of the*  
ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS  
*regarding*

SUPPORTING REPEAL OF PORTIONS OF SENATE BILL 550  
RELATING TO SEPTIC TANKS AND SEPTIC TANK SERVICE  
MANDATES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 550 became effective on June 4, 2010, which directs the Florida Department of Health to create and administer a State-wide five year cycle septic tank evaluation program; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the septic tank evaluation program, citizens with on-site sewage disposal systems (hereafter “septic tanks”), regardless of location, will be forced to have their septic tanks inspected and periodically pumped out at a minimum of every five years with all costs of such inspections and pump-outs being the responsibility of the septic tank owner; and

**WHEREAS**, portions of Senate Bill 550 also calls for the replacement of entire septic tank systems, including drain fields, if these septic tank systems and drain fields do not meet an established state-wide standard, regardless of whether the septic tanks in question function satisfactorily or not, and whether or not said septic tanks and drain fields pose a threat to the public health or safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the inspections and pump-outs of new or existing septic tanks or the replacement of septic tank systems would cost septic tank owners significant amounts on an annual or periodic basis; and

**WHEREAS**, many residents in Orange County utilize septic tanks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has the means to reconsider the implementation of the septic tank provisions of Senate Bill 550; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Orange County Council of Mayors to support repeal of significant parts of Senate Bill 550, specifically including the universal mandate of septic tank inspections and pump-outs and replacement of septic tank fields when no threat to the public health, safety and welfare is evident.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS;**

**Section 1.** The Orange County Council of Mayors supports and endorses efforts in the Florida Legislature, prior to implementation of the septic tank mandates of Senate Bill 550, to:

- (a) Delay or repeal implementation of the mandates relating to Septic Tanks contained in Senate Bill 550.
- (b) Place Senate Bill 550 on the agenda of the appropriate legislative committees and for floor action to repeal in whole or in part portions of Senate Bill 550 that compels Florida citizens to have their septic tank systems inspected and pumped out or reconstructed.

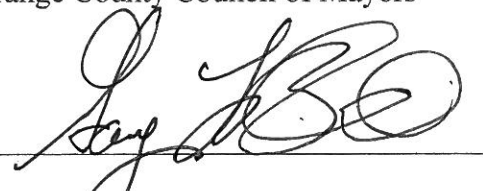
**Section 2.** The Orange County Council of Mayors supports repeal or modification of Senate Bill 550 in the regular legislative session.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 29th day of October, 2010.

The Orange County Council of Mayors

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Gary Bruhn, Chairman,  
Orange County Council of Mayors