

RESOLUTION #2010-73

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida is aware that Senate Bill 550 passed the Florida Legislature during the 2010 Legislative session, amending Florida Statute 381.0065; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Governor Charlie Christ signed SB 550 into law after the 2010 Legislative session; and

WHEREAS, one provision of SB 550 is to require homeowners to have their onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspected as least once every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the local health department operated by the State of Florida will oversee the program, collect fees, perform inspections and require compliance; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of this amendment to F.S. 381.0065, places an unreasonable monetary burden on the owners of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; and

WHEREAS, there are current regulations in place for an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system for owners to abide by in case of a failure of their system; and

WHEREAS, this amendment of F.S. 381.0065 becomes effective July 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is still a very rural area with the majority of its single family homes, small businesses and local churches depending on onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; and

WHEREAS, the fees, tank pump-out cost and inspections will place a hardship on most of Washington County's rural residents, when there is no real issue within these areas.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington County Board of County Commissioners request that the Honorable Governor of the State of Florida and Washington County's Legislative Delegation take the necessary legislative action to rescind the amendment to F.S. 381.0065 concerning the periodic inspection of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 26th day of August 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

*Linda Hayes Cook*  
Clerk

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Chairman

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LINDA HAYES COOK, Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
Washington County, Florida

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Deputy Clerk