

Town of Windermere



Resolution 2010-12

RESOLUTION
of the
TOWN OF WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL
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 law 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 tank 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 of money on an annual or periodic basis; and

WHEREAS, all residents in the Town of Windermere 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 this council 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.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDERMERE;

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

- (a) Delay or modify 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. This Board supports delay 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 9th day of November, 2010.

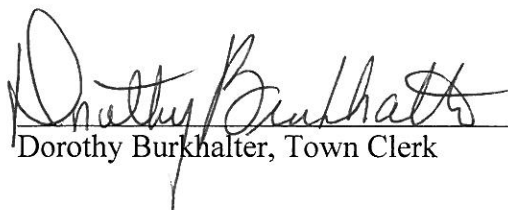
TOWN OF WINDERMERE, FLORIDA

By: Town Council

BY: _____

Gary Bruhl, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dorothy Burkhalter, Town Clerk

