

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 224

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING IMMEDIATE REPEAL OF THE NEW FIVE YEAR SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS; IMMEDIATE REPEAL OF NEW STATE FIVE YEAR EVALUATION REPORT FEE; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the citizens of St. Johns County have in good faith relied upon and applied the State of Florida mandated rules for the permitting and installation of their septic systems and have expended substantial dollars for the installation of their septic systems based on those mandated rules; and,

WHEREAS, SB 550 (2010) created new septic system inspection, maintenance and replacement requirements for all properties with septic systems throughout the State of Florida regardless of where they are located and regardless of their operating condition; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County supports the protection of water quality and supports meaningful and equitable regulation of septic systems; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County believes it is inappropriate to impose a new and arbitrary regulation for all septic systems in St. Johns County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County is extremely concerned with the tremendous economic impact of this new, arbitrary regulation of septic systems where inspection fees and septic system maintenance and replacement costs will be substantial and will result in an unnecessary financial burden on homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County is extremely concerned that the State of Florida has burdened the septic system homeowners in St. Johns County with a new Evaluation Report fee of no less than \$15 dollars but may be up to \$30 dollars to go directly to the State budget and to also fund a new State controlled grant program; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is now imposing unnecessary financial burdens on homeowners, potential home ownership and home sales during this serious downturn in real estate activity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are hereby adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. Request for Repeal. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County requests that the Legislature provide relief to the citizens of Florida by immediately repealing this ill-advised and financially burdensome legislation.

Section 3. Upon adoption, a copy of this Resolution will be sent to the Governor of Florida and to St. Johns County Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 2nd day of August 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

J. Ken Bryan, Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 

Deputy Clerk

Effective Date: 8/2/11

Rendition Date: 8/5/11

