



Resolution the Chamber Alliance of Lake County

Whereas, the Chamber Alliance of Lake County Board of Directors is legally authorized as a corporation in the State of Florida; and.

Whereas, subpart (2) of the newly-enacted Florida Statutes 381.00651 requires counties that contain a “first magnitude spring” to “develop and adopt by local ordinance on onsite sewage treatment and disposal system evaluation and assessment program” (i.e. , a septic tank inspection program) on or before January 1, 2013; and however, this stature allows counties to opt-out of the above stated mandate if a sixty percent majority of the county’s governing body adopts “ a resolution that indicates an intent on the part of such local government not to adopt an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system evaluation and assessment program”; and

Whereas, Lake County contains a first magnitude spring, the Alexander Springs, within its geographical boundaries; and

Whereas, the Board of Directors who make up the Chamber Alliance of Lake County are aware of and have debated the effects of CS/CS/CS/HB 1263 Chapter 2012-184, Laws of Florida; which creates a new statute, Florida Statutes 381.00651, governing local government septic tank inspection programs; and

Whereas, the debate of the Board of Directors of the Chamber Alliance of Lake County has considered the following issues;

- 1) Septic systems are statically the least significant contributor of bacterial pollution to groundwater, flowing water, or the aquifer;
- 2) The majority of non-functional septic systems as defined in Florida Statutes 381.00651 are typically repaired by the homeowner at the time of failure, by necessity;
- 3) Existing state law already contains code defined as protective of groundwater and requires code compliance at the time of repair of failing septic systems;
- 4) The financial burden on residents and businesses of such inspections will be costly, yet the benefit cannot be predicted;

Now , Therefore Be it Resolved, The Board of Directors of the Chamber Alliance of Lake County respectfully petition the Lake County governing board to opt Lake County out of Florida Statutes 381.00651’s mandate to enact an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system evaluation and assessment ordinance on or before January 1, 2013.

The President is hereby authorized to sign this Resolution.

Be it further Resolved, that this Resolution be forwarded to the members of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners and circulated to Media outlets as desired.

This Resolution was voted on and passed unanimously of the Board of Directors on the 16th Day of August, 2012

Kelly Pisciotta, President

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