

Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING PROVISIONS OF SB550 PERTAINING TO SEPTIC TANK INSPECTION METHODS; OPPOSING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES TO HAVE INSPECTION POWERS OVER EXISTING RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC SYSTEMS; OPPOSING THE TIME LINE AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEPTIC INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REWORK SB550 TO MAKE IT MORE TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES ON SEPTIC SYSTEMS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Legislature approved SB550 to improve the water quality of Florida waters by establishing new regulations, modifying other regulations and creating new agencies to manage the new requirements; and

WHEREAS, the widely diverse causes of the water quality issues cannot be properly addressed in one bill; and

WHEREAS, suggesting that existing residential septic systems are creating a water quality degradation that requires new regulations, including inspections to new stricter standards is an unfair burden on citizens in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, although the Town of Grant-Valkaria Town Council applauds the Legislature's efforts to improve the overall water quality in the springs and intercoastal waterways by strengthening regulations on stormwater intrusion and encouraging water conservation in the building regulations, the Town Council believes this expansion of regulations governing residential septic inspections does not serve the best interests of Florida residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA that;

SECTION 1. The Town of Grant-Valkaria Town Council opposes the section of SB550 that would require inspections of residential septic systems when there has been no documentation that such systems are a contributor to the "pollution" to water bodies in Florida causing imbalances in the ecosystem and urges the Legislature to reconsider this requirement.

SECTION 2. The Town of Grant-Valkaria Town Council encourages the Legislature to continue to provide assistance to rural communities that still rely predominantly on well and septic systems for their water and wastewater needs.

SECTION 3. The Town of Grant-Valkaria Town Council requests the Legislature to reconsider the requirements for septic inspections until there is evidence to support the diminished water quality.

SECTION 4. The Town of Grant-Valkaria Town Council directs the Town Clerk to send copies of this resolution to the Florida Legislature and municipalities within Brevard County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida, this 9TH of February, 2011.

(Signature on file)

Del Yonts, Mayor

ATTEST:

(Signature on file)

Susanne Krueger, MMC
Town Clerk