Warren County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 249 of 2011

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Bentley, Thomas, Monroe, Girard, Sokol, McCoy and Wood

OPPOSING AND URGING THE REPEAL OF REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE 2010 FIRE CODE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK REGARDING EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS FOR DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS

WHEREAS, the 2010 Fire Code for the State of New York, contains a provision which requires emergency vehicle access for one or two group R-3 buildings and attached one and two family dwellings constructed by the residential code of New York State hereinafter constructed or moved into the jurisdiction with exceptions for dwellings with site plan approval, accessory storage buildings, dwellings without electrical service, and those dwellings where topography does not allow compliance so long as sprinkler systems are installed, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned code provision provides for certain dimensions, turnarounds, turnouts, stability and design requirements for driveways that service one and two family dwellings where the exit door is more than 300 feet from a fire apparatus access road or public street, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee of the Warren County Board of Supervisors has reviewed this proposed code section and is concerned that 1) the same will cause an undue burden on residential development and property use in Warren County due to the rural nature of the County, and 2) that the same should be already addressed as part of the planning and zoning ordinances and/or APA regulations and would not appear appropriate concern for the fire code of the State of New York, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the concerns raised by the Legislative Committee with regard to the emergency vehicle access for detached one or two family dwellings and adopts the committee's recommendations and further hereby urges the New York State Codes Council, to rewrite the code to address this inappropriate and unnecessary provision, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Codes Council; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward.