

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA OPPOSING PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE
BILL (HB) 1469 AND PENNSYLVANIA SENATE BILL
(SB) 663 MANDATING THE USE OF THIRD PARTY
AGENCIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNIFORM
CONSTRUCTION CODE.**

WHEREAS, Willistown Township currently has an employee who serves as the Building Code Official to act on behalf of the Township for administration and enforcement of The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Act of 1999 ("The Code"); and,

WHEREAS, the Code was enacted to address a critical public safety issue to ensure that new construction and major reconstruction are safely built to code by requiring independent plan reviews and inspections; and,

WHEREAS, the Township utilizes a third-party agency to supplement the municipal code enforcement program's permitting process, plan review and inspection services; and;

WHEREAS, HB 1469 and SB 663 remove consumer protection standards and consistent enforcement that are built into the Code and jeopardize the Township's duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, allowing applicants to choose who or which entity may inspect their projects could result in a conflict of interest and "shopping" for the inspector who will give the applicant the best result with no oversight from the Township; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1469 and SB 663 could create a "free-for-all" situation where third party agencies could undercut each other's business through cut-rate fee schedules and questionable inspection practices, undermining public safety and careful and neutral oversight of the building process; and,

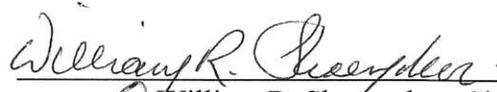
WHEREAS, the Township should not be prejudiced by using their own employee and through its agreement with a third-party agency to administer and enforce the Code; and,

WHEREAS, Townships which fairly administer and enforce the Code should have uniform fees that apply to all with regard to enforcing the permit process, plan review and inspection services.

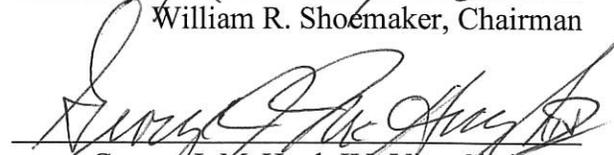
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Willistown Township opposes enactment of HB 1469 and SB 663 into law in that they force local governments to accept multiple non-municipal "approved" inspectors.

DULY ADOPTED this 10th day of July, 2017.

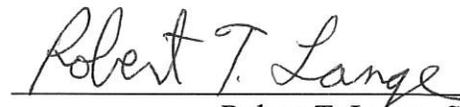
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