

Borough of Oakland Bergen County, New Jersey

Resolution 21-81

Oppose S-3095

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Senate introduced Bill No. 3095 on November 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Bill No. 3095 establishes an alternate inspection process, under the State Uniform Construction Code Act, for property owners willing to pay a premium fee to expedite inspections; and

WHEREAS, under Bill No. 3095 an applicant for a construction permit may opt to pay a premium fee to have inspections done under the permit performed on an expedited basis, i.e. within two calendar days of the time requested for an inspection. An applicant would also exercise this option at the time of submitting an application for a construction permit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation seeks to subvert established current legal precedent by which the proposed legislation permits applicants to self-elect an expedited inspection process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will place a significant financial burden on municipalities and taxpayers alike as it cuts off the most significant stream of municipal revenue and diverts those funds entirely to the State of New Jersey and private interests; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation appears to be influenced and backed by special lobby groups including those associated with the Construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation is opposed by the NJMMA, GFOA and the League of Municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby opposes NJ State Senate Bill No. 3095 as it would create undue barriers of inequity, place further financial burden on municipalities and increase the tax burden for the residents of the Borough of Oakland and residents of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, Senator Cardinale, Assemblyman Auth and Assemblywoman Schepisi.

	LINDA H. SCHWAGER, MAYOR			
ATTEST:				
	Date Adopted: January 27, 2021			
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LISA M. DUNCAN, BOROUGH CLERK

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Biale						
Knapp						
Kulmala						
Pignatelli						
Talamini						
Van Eck						
Mayor						
Schwager						