

Iron County Board of Commissioners
RESOLUTION
Opposition to Legislative Proposals
on Establishing a Statewide Septic Code

Whereas, The Iron County Board of Commissioners understands the importance for clean water which is a public health matter for all the counties, but particularly for those with shoreline on the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, the local Dickinson – Iron District Health Department, follows *The Upper Peninsula Environmental Health Code* which is for the purpose of protecting public health and safety and the quality of the environment; adopted pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, and

Whereas, the Dickinson – Iron District Health Department inspects and issues permits for Type II, Type III water wells, septic systems, along with public pools and beaches throughout the County, as well as, for both residential and commercial property systems; and

Whereas, this proposed Code would apply to all residential and commercial systems and the Iron County Board of Commissioners opposes any additional requirements for inspection of septic wastewater systems; as the proposed policy changes may be overly burdensome; for businesses and local residences alike; and

Whereas, recent proposals, House Bills 4479 and 4480 and Senate Bills 299 and 300, only reintroduce a failed bipartisan septic code package from 2018; without structure or an agreed upon timing for the proposed inspections; and

Whereas, these changes would cause undue hardship for our citizens, as Iron County lacks the needed infrastructure and manpower that would be necessary to uphold the proposed Code changes; and

Whereas, the Dickinson – Iron District Health Department and the County both have long histories of providing a healthy and safe living environment for its constituents and its visitors, through its current process; and

Whereas, the Iron County Board of Commissioners understands the true cost of unfunded mandates that affect the County's financial means and do not want any additional charges to be mandated on the residents of Iron County.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Iron County Board of Commissioners, opposes House Bill 4479 and 4480 and Senate Bill 299 and 300, to establish a statewide septic code.

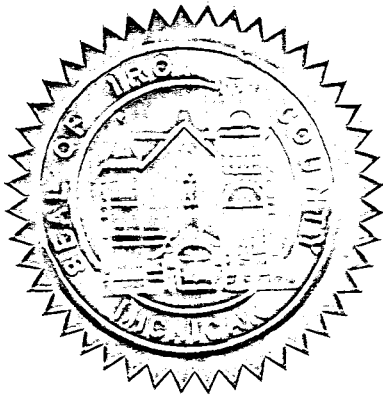
Be It Further Resolved, that the Iron County Board of Commissioners would like a copy of this Resolution sent to all counties in the State of Michigan, Governor Whitmer, State Legislators, and the Director of the Dickinson – Iron District Health Department.

The foregoing resolution was moved by Commissioner MIKE STAFFORD and supported by Commissioner JACOB CONERY.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: PERETTO, STAFFORD, STAUBER, CONERY, BRUETTE
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Resolution Declared Adopted on 7/18/2023:



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON**

By: Mark Stauber
Mark Stauber
It's Chair

By: Julie Kezerle
Julie Kezerle
It's Clerk