

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-039**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Councilman Ryan that the following resolution be adopted:

**URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL S3095**

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

**WHEREAS**, Senate 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 Senate 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 New Jersey Municipal Management Association, Governmental Finance Officers Association of New Jersey and the League of Municipalities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby opposes 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 Township and residents of the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey and the members of the New Jersey State Legislature.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

**NAYS:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8, 2021.**

  
**JENNIFER KIERNAN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

