

**A Resolution Opposing House Bill 1196 of the 2010
Georgia Legislative Session**

Whereas, the General Assembly is considering legislation blocking local governments from being able to require residential sprinkler systems in one- or two-family dwellings; and

Whereas, the United States Fire Administration estimates that residential sprinklers can reduce civilian fire deaths as much as 82 percent; and

Whereas, adding residential sprinklers add only 1 percent to the cost of a new home; and

Whereas, residential sprinklers help protect firefighters in the course of their duties; and

Whereas, the International Code Council in 2009 adopted new building codes mandating residential fire sprinklers for one- and two-family dwelling; and

Whereas, the International Code Council, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Firefighters, and the National Fire Protection Association all support this mandate; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation usurps the authority of local governments to establish their own regulation as they deem necessary; and

Whereas, the best government is the government closest to the people; and

Whereas, local jurisdictions should be allowed to pass regulations fitting their community, including which life-saving features should be required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek hereby express their opposition on behalf of the City of Johns Creek for the 2010 Georgia Legislative Session Bill HB 1196 and hereby authorize the City Manager to relay said opposition to Representatives England, Ehrhart, Shaw, Hanner and McCall and the City's elected representative delegation to the Georgia Legislature.

Approved

Mayor Mike Bodker

Attest

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk

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