

RESOLUTION

REQUEST TO STUDY THE IMPACTS OF CURRENT ZONING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF POULTRY HOUSES IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Northampton has adopted certain zoning regulations containing standards for livestock operations as contained in Section 154.110 (Standards for Livestock Operations) of the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the companies of Tysons and Perdue have communicated directly and indirectly the need to expand poultry production; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has established two standing advisory committees, known as the Agriculture Advisory Committee and the Aquaculture Advisory Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors assigns the Agriculture Advisory Committee and the Aquaculture Committee to work together to study the current zoning regulations as they relate to the establishment of commercial, intensive poultry production facilities to determine what impact, if any, said regulations have on the development of these facilities and the impact of said facilities on the environment; to determine if the regulations are adequate to protect the water ways and ground water of Northampton County from this type of concentrated animal husbandry; and

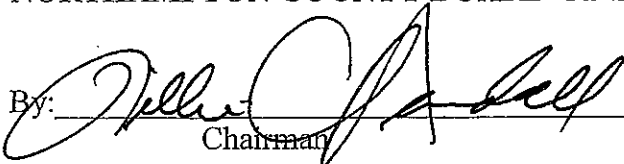
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study will also assess the economic impact of a poultry production facility in terms of impact on real estate and personal property taxes, sales taxes, and any other fees or taxes including personal income; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Sam Long will serve as the liaison to this joint study on behalf of the Board of Supervisors; and

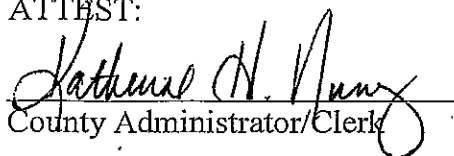
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said study will be completed and provided to the Board of Supervisors within four months of adoption of this resolution.

Adopted this 12 day of April, 2011.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By:  _____
Chairman

ATTEST:


County Administrator/Clerk