



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 11.

DATE OF MEETING: April 18, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Kyle M. Breuer, Director, Planning & Community Development

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Opposing SB 183/HB 309, Selective Vegetation Removal/State Highways

BACKGROUND: SB 183/HB309 is proposed legislation which gives the authority of tree removal and electronic billboard standards to the State, overriding local regulations. Currently, there is a 250' vegetative removal buffer around existing and new billboards that are constructed. This legislation would increase the vegetative removal buffer up to 400' in each direction of the sign, regardless if a local jurisdiction has any sort of tree preservation ordinance adopted. Also, the proposed legislation would allow for existing, non-conforming billboards, to be converted to digital or electronic changeable faced signs. Key features of this legislation are that it takes away local control and citizen decisions concerning billboard placement and allows potentially thousands of existing billboards statewide to be converted to brightly lit digital billboards with changing copy, even if a community doesn't want this.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider the resolution entitled: Resolution opposing SB 183/HB309, Selective Vegetation Removal/State Highways.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

RB
Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the Board hereby adopts the resolution entitled: Resolution Opposing SB 183/HB309, Selective Vegetation Removal/State Highway. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ Tate ___ Rivenbark ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown Date

ATTEST Date



**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SB 183/HB309, SELECTIVE VEGETATION
REMOVAL/STATE HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering Senate Bill 183 and House Bill 309 which gives the authority of tree removal and electronic billboard standards to the State; and

WHEREAS, Pender County has adopted local land use regulations which restricts the placement of billboards and their cosmetic make up; and

WHEREAS, the Pender County Board of Commissioners is concerned that SB 183/HB 309 would override local authority and regulations to allow increased tree clearing in front of billboards and conversion of said billboards to brightly lit digital billboards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pender County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes SB183 and HB309, and any legislation that would override local land use regulations for increased tree clearing perimeters around billboards and allowing brightly lit digital billboards.

Adopted this the 18th day of April, 2011.

George R. Brown, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Rick Benton, County Manager