

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
Atlantic County - New Jersey
Resolution 2019-47
Resolution in Opposition of A-4221
Provision of Protection of Public's Rights under Public Trust Doctrine

WHEREAS, The Borough of Longport recognizes the importance and supports public beach access, and

WHEREAS, because circumstances in each municipality vary greatly, a municipality is in far better position than the Department of Environmental Protection to determine the proper planning for property within its community; and

WHEREAS in cooperation with the NJDEP there have been numerous positive changes in the provision of additional beach access including handicap access in most coastal communities, and

WHEREAS, the individual municipalities need to govern their own public beach access in order to effectively and efficiently provide for the health, safety, and welfare of community residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are best sensitive to their own particular geography, zoning laws, tourism objectives, and service goals which has resulted in beach tourism economic gains for the State of New Jersey in the billions of dollars annually with millions of daily beach visits by the public each year, and

WHEREAS, A-4221, sponsored by Assemblywoman Nancy J. Pinkin, District 18 (Middlesex) and Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset) gives oversight and authority to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection without the knowledge, personnel or funding to protect the existing beach tourism industry that employs thousands of local people directly and indirectly, and

WHEREAS, this law will likely adversely affect ownership rights and private and public properties in negative ways resulting in unnecessary and costly litigation, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of The Borough of Longport that it expresses its strong opposition to A-4221 and urges the Governor to veto this legislation until all outstanding issues have been debated and resolved to the satisfaction of coastal communities.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

1. Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo
2. Assemblyman John Armato
3. State Senator Christopher Brown, Esq.
4. State Senator Bob Andrzejczak,

5. Assemblyman R. Bruce Land
6. Assemblyman Matthew W. Milam
7. Senate President Steven M. Sweeney
8. Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin
9. Assemblywoman Nancy J. Pinkin
10. Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker
11. Lieutenant Governor
12. Governor of State of New Jersey
13. League of Municipalities
14. Coastal communities in Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE: 4/17/2019						
COMMISSION	AYE	NAY	N.V	A.B.	MOT.	SEC.
RUSSO	X				X	
LEEDS	X					X
LAWLER				X		
X-Indicates Vote NV-Not Voting AB-Absent MOT-Motion SEC- Second						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF
ADOPTION: 4-17-19
