RESOLUTION NO. 2453

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS.

WHEREAS, analysis of fire injuries and fatalities conclusively show that the majority of such incidents occur in residential properties and:

WHEREAS, every major fire safety conference in the last 90 years has called for improvements in the area of residential fire safety and;

WHEREAS, the United States Fire Administration (2008) has stated, "The USFA fully supports all efforts to reduce the tragic toll of fire losses in this nation, including the proposed changes to the International Residential Code that would require automatic sprinklers in all new construction;" and

WHEREAS, the Fire and Life Safety Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (2008) resolved "No other action can possibly be more responsible for saving citizen and firefighter lives and personal property than adding residential sprinkler protection to our homes:" and,

WHEREAS, America Burning Recommissioned (1999) recommended "No tactic or strategy should detract from the requirement for sprinklers" and "Smoke alarms should always be the locality second option;" and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to block the requirement for residential sprinklers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township feels that the fire fatality and injury rates in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are unacceptable and,

WHEREAS, every major fire safety organization recognizes that the installation of automatic sprinklers will have a definitive long-term effect on reducing such losses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township supports the requirements for the installation of residential sprinklers and opposes any attempt to block said mandate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Resolved this 28th day of April, 2009.

TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA
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EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP

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