

RESOLUTION 2015-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE RADNOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 809 WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT STUDENT HOUSING REGULATIONS RESULTING IN DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON TOWNSHIP NEIGHBORHOODS BY CONCENTRATING STUDENT RESIDENTS IN SUCH NEIGHBORHOODS AND BY ELIMINATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK IN THE TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, Radnor Township has regulated rental properties and student rental housing pursuant to local regulations since 2003; and

WHEREAS, student rental housing is currently permitted as a special exception pursuant to the Township's Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, there are several colleges and universities located in and adjacent to Radnor Township; and

WHEREAS, proposed House Bill 809 would eliminate local regulation of student housing requirements thereby having a devastating effect on the quality of life of Township residents in the Township's neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby *RESOLVED* that the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose House Bill 809 which would preempt the Township's local student housing regulations for the following reasons:

1. House Bill 809 would deprive the Township of a necessary regulation which serves to protect and preserve the existing residential character of neighborhoods.
2. House Bill 809 would severely impact property values and quality of life in Township neighborhoods in order to benefit a small number of Township landlords.
3. House Bill 809 would severely impact Township residents' rights to their enjoyment of their residential properties.
4. House Bill 809 would exacerbate existing parking problems in Township neighborhoods by increasing the student population density along with the density of student vehicles.
5. House Bill 809 would eliminate incentives for universities and colleges to provide for adequate on-campus housing for its students.
6. The increase in student density in Township neighborhoods would result in an additional need for police services and would create additional conflicts between students and existing residents.

SO RESOLVED, this 27th day of July, A.D., 2015

RADNOR TOWNSHIP

By:



Name:

Title: President

Vice

ATTEST: _____

