



RESOLUTION 20-321

Resolution Urging The Passage of S2051 Establishing Fire Safety Standards For Multifamily Light Frame Residential Construction

WHEREAS, Senators Loretta Weinberg and Brian Stack have introduced S2051 for new multiple dwellings and attached housing of light frame construction. The first two requirements limit highly combustible multifamily to a 12,000 square foot footprint of a three-story light frame building---approximately 30 units per detached structure---and require 30 feet of open space between buildings. The bill encourages non-combustible construction for large-scale structures; and

WHEREAS, numerous massive fires have occurred in multiple unit residential structures of light frame wood construction, while occupied and under construction; and

WHEREAS, the extreme speed with which light frame wood construction can reach its failure point when exposed to fire has led to devastating results for residents and first responders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of Princeton, NJ, to urge for the swift passage of S2051 to provide municipalities with an additional tool to reduce the risk of massive fires, for the protection of residents, public safety personnel, and property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, to Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, to our State Senator, and to our Representatives in the General Assembly.

Table with 9 columns: Councilperson, Absent, Present, 1st, 2nd, Yea, Nay, Abstain, Disqualified. Rows include Mr. Cohen, Ms. Fraga, Ms. Niedergang, Ms. Pirone Lambros, Ms. Sacks, Mr. Williamson, and Mayor Lempert.

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held September 30, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Delores A. Williams
Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk