

**RESOLUTION NO. 199**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE REPRESENTATIVE KEN GIVENS,  
STATE SENATOR MIKE WILLIAMS, AND THE TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL  
LEAGUE TO INTRODUCE AND PASS LEGISLATION CHANGING  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING INSPECTORS IN  
MUNICIPALITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF TEN THOUSAND OR LESS.**

**WHEREAS,** Tenn. Code Anno. § 68-120-113 provided that all municipal building officials having jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of Chapter 120 of Title 68 of the Tenn. Code Anno. shall receive certification from the State Fire Marshall before enforcing applicable building and fire codes; and

**WHEREAS,** the State Fire Marshall has promulgated rules and regulations relative to the standard and qualifications for certification of such building inspectors; and

**WHEREAS,** such rules and regulations require satisfactory proof to the State Fire Marshall that the candidate understands all applicable building and fire codes; and

**WHEREAS,** requiring building inspectors for municipalities with populations of ten thousand or less places an undue burden on candidates for such certification because they are required to provide proof satisfactory to the State Fire Marshall that the candidate understands all applicable building codes even though many of the provisions of such codes are inapplicable to structures contained within such smaller municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** it is unduly burdensome to require a local building official understand all applicable building codes when many of those codes apply to structures that are not even found within such municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** the pool of candidates available to small municipalities who can provide satisfactory proof that such building inspector candidate understands all applicable building codes is already limited; and

**WHEREAS,** our sister city, Church Hill, has passed a similar resolution asking that this undue burden be lifted from small Tennessee municipalities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND  
ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, as follows:**

1. State Representative Ken Givens, State Senator Mike Williams, and The Tennessee Municipal League are requested to introduce, sponsor and pass legislation providing the State Fire Marshall establish less stringent requirements for a candidate for Building Inspector in municipalities, under ten thousand (10,000) in population.

2. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

*Failed - 12-16-99*

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**JAMES L. DEAN, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**NANCY CARTER, Recorder**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL A. FAULK**

<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Wayne Alley	✓		
Henry Bailey	✓		
Eugene Christian		✓	
Gary Lawson		✓	
Thomas Wheeler		✓	
Carl Wolfe		✓	
James L. Dean			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	