

RESOLUTION

ANALYSIS OF HOUSE BILL NO. 316 CEMETERIES

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly will be considering House Bill No. 316 (HB 316) during its 2012 session; and

WHEREAS, HB 316 greatly expands the definition of cemetery in Virginia Code Section 54.1-2310 by adding additional uses; and

WHEREAS, the amendments proposed in HB 316 lengthen the approval time for cemetery subdivision plats and site plan; and

WHEREAS, HB 316 would exempt development of future sections from complying with any changes to local laws and regulations different from any other land uses; and

WHEREAS, HB 316 would create a new vesting provision for zoning and exempt all structures in a cemetery from the County's building code or "any other applicable code utilized by localities," and

WHEREAS, the erosion of local control in the locating, developing, designing, and construction of cemeteries could negatively impact the residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, HB 316 would eliminate not only local regulation of cemeteries, but also the citizens ability to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, local land use decision have been and should continue to be made on a local level giving citizens of the locality and the Commonwealth of Virginia an opportunity to express their opinion.

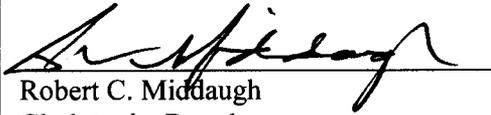
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby opposes HB 316 and calls upon the members of the General Assembly to oppose HB 316.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator and the County Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to express James City County's opposition to House Bill No. 316 and to send a certified copy of this resolution to the County's legislative delegation and to members of the General Assembly who will be considering it.



Mary K. Jones
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Robert C. Middaugh
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MCGLENNON	AYE
ICENHOUR	AYE
KENNEDY	AYE
JONES	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 24th day of
January, 2012.

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