

Dear committee members:

In regards to SB2317, I can share from personal experience. As we are building a house, the county zoning has several rules that they will not bend on such as 5 acre lots. Although I already own enough land to build, this forces me to divide and acquire 1 more acre that is virtuously useless to the homestead site, not even for a leach field. The cost to do this with today's price of surveying, attorney expense, closing costs, and permits ended up costing \$12,000.

Large government does not seem to share the common sense or flexibility of local government. They also are quite indifferent and uncaring about the expenses incurred by the person paying these extra and unnecessary expenses.

This is not to be misconstrued as an expectation that the township would in any way profit from this. If anything, the permitting fees would likely go down for the taxpayers.

Zoning control should be in the hands of local people who know the land, the local traffic, the local businesses, and the concerns of the people in the township that they represent.

Thank You,
Paul Sandstrom
Pleasant View Township Chairman