

BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION 2002-3

OPPOSING HOUSE BILL NO. 2345 OF THE SESSION OF 2002, GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, there has been introduced before the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, House Bill Number 2345, Session of 2002, amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and further providing for the environmental stewardship fund and for extension of fees; and,

WHEREAS, this Bill was reported from the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, as amended March 11, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill Number 2345, Session 2002, proposes to amend Section 6112 of Title 27 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by adding new Section 2 requiring each operator of a municipal waste land fill or resource recovery facility to pay to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a disposal fee of \$5.00 in addition to all other fees currently imposed and paid; and,

WHEREAS, this additional feed to be paid to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be passed on to the users of municipal waste systems which the Borough of West Newton believes will have a serious impact upon smaller municipalities in the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Borough of West Newton in regular meeting assembled, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the Borough of West Newton hereby collectively expresses its most serious concern for the economic impact upon its residents, particularly senior citizens, who are increasing in number every year and who are on fixed incomes.

SECTION 2. That the Council of the Borough of West Newton expresses its most serious concern for its commercial establishments located in and about the downtown area, which will also be required to pay higher sanitation collection fees, at a time when communities are experiencing significant difficulty in attracting and maintaining commercial business in downtown areas.

SECTION 3. That the Council of the Borough of West Newton further expresses its collective opposition to the implementation of the provisions of Act 2345 in establishing this passthrough fee without further study of the economic impact upon residents and commercial establishments in smaller communities across the Commonwealth.

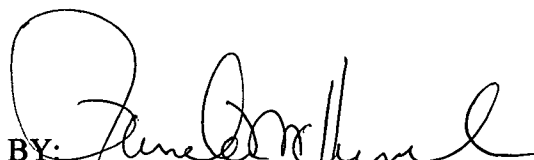
SECTION 4. That the Council of the Borough of West Newton hereby requests the House of Representative of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to refrain from sending this bill out of committee, or taking any further action, until further study is done with regard to the economic impact upon Boroughs and small Cities within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to request information from these communities before considering further activity upon this bill.


SECTION 5. That the Secretary of the Borough of West Newton be and is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to those members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of Pennsylvania representing our constituency and to any other person or entity as directed by Council.

RESOLVED IN COUNCIL this 24th day of June, 2002.

ATTEST:

WEST NEWTON BOROUGH

BY: 
Pamela M. Humenik, Secretary

BY: 
Armand N. Luzi, President