

Chairman Tyson:

We are in complete support of this amendment. My wife and I built a one bedroom home just over 1300sf. The County is trying to tell me just the home is worth almost one quarter of a million dollars. We have a small septic system for just a one bedroom home. We live in a dead zone, no internet service, cannot work from home because of the dead zone. Grandchildren cannot do schoolwork from our home due to dead zone. Natural gas is not available, therefore, we had to be an all electric home which is extremely expensive; we had to buy a wood stove to heat our home since heat pumps are very expensive to operate. We are in our 70's and it is no easy task to cut and gather wood and start a fire every morning. We do not have fast food deliveries, grocery deliveries, or Uber of any kind. I called the fire Marshall and in good weather they can get to our home in just over 17 minutes. He stated that we live on a county rock road and that it would take longer if snow has not been removed. In conclusion, just the house value, according to the county has gone up 26.3% in the last three years. Now to address the property that my home sits on, just in the last five years the county says according to its appraisals, has gone up over 300%. We live in the Hillsdale Watershed Area. Half of my property which consists of five acres can only be used for hay ground not crops. I submitted to the county these three questions that I asked of three experts in real estate. All three answers were identical.

1. Is a one bedroom home a detriment to a resale
2. Is a dead zone a detriment to a resale
3. Is an all electric home a detriment to a resale All three experts replied with the statement that all three of these factors are extremely detrimental to a resale.

These real estate taxes take almost five months of my wife's social security payments. This has to stop.

Thank you  
Kirk Randall