RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 25-11  Passed October 18, 2011

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANAL FULTON, OHIO TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON HORIZONTAL HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.

WHEREAS, Horizontal Fracturing, aka “Fracking,” of underground shale is being utilized to commercially extract natural gas in Ohio and is being contemplated and/or implemented in Stark County; and

WHEREAS, Canal Fulton City Council wishes to express their concern over fracking in Stark County and the State; and

WHEREAS, according to credible news sources and anecdotal evidence, fracking has allegedly resulted in the damage of nearby water well casings and the pollution of wells with toxic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, large mining apparatus with increased related traffic are necessary to fracking as in the transport, high-pressure use and collection of large amounts of toxic chemicals which also pose a risk of air, land and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, numerous political subdivisions, other state authorities and medical associations are calling for a moratorium on fracking in their respective areas to protect their ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Canal Fulton and its residents rely on the City’s water resources as a magnificent health and economic resource; and

WHEREAS, Canal Fulton City Council is charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of their residents via their police powers and constitutional home rule authority under Ohio law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Canal Fulton authorities are conducting legal research and pursuing due diligence investigation into safeguarding their residents, lands, water transport and aquifers via future local legislation from the potential threats of fracking.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANAL FULTON, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Canal Fulton City Council encourages the Ohio General Assembly and Governor's Administration to place a moratorium on the future use of horizontal hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") for the commercial extraction of natural gas until the safety of the process and related chemicals have been fully investigated and vetted through the Ohio and United States Environmental Protection agencies.
Section 2. That Canal Fulton City Council wishes to express their concerns over the adverse effects and possible irreversible damage to the City's water systems and supplies that pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare and that of future generations.

Section 3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded, via Certified Mail, to the Ohio Governor's Office, the Leadership of the Ohio House and Senate and the Senator and Representative serving the City of Canal Fulton in the Ohio General Assembly as well as the Stark Council of Governments.

John Grogan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Charlson, Clerk-of-Council

I, Tammy Charlson, Clerk-of-Council of the City of Canal Fulton, Ohio, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution 25-11, duly adopted by the Council of the City of Canal Fulton, on the date of Oct 18, 2011, and that publication of the foregoing Resolution was duly made by posting true and correct copies thereof at five of the most public places in said corporation as determined by Council as follows: Post Office, Public Library, Giant Eagle Supermarket, Heritage Square Pharmacy, and entrances to Council Chambers each for a period of fifteen days, commencing on the 19 day of Oct, 2011.

Tammy Charlson, Clerk-of-Council

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