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**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION WHICH IS INTENDED TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE STATE OF OHIO OF THE CITY'S CONCERNS REGARDING THE "FRACKING" PROCESS USED TO EXTRACT NATURAL GAS AND TO SEEK A MORATORIUM THEREON.**

*WHEREAS, the hydraulic fracturing, aka "fracking," of underground shale is being utilized to commercially extract natural gas in Ohio and is being contemplated and/or implemented in Columbiana County; and*

*WHEREAS, according to credible news sources and anecdotal evidence, fracking in other areas has 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 is 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 moratorium on fracking in their respective areas to protect their ecosystems; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana is dependent upon a number of water wells within the City and within Fairfield Township for the purpose of providing its residents with good quality water for drinking and other purposes; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana is charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of its residents via its police powers and constitutional home rule authority under Ohio law; and*

*WHEREAS, the City authorities are conducting legal research and pursuing due diligence investigation into safeguarding our 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 Columbiana, County of Columbiana, State of Ohio:

**SECTION ONE:** THAT, the City Council of Columbiana, goes on record strongly urging our Ohio General Assembly and Governor's Administration to place a moratorium on the future use of hydraulic fracturing of shale for the commercial extraction of natural gas for the purpose of fully investigating and vetting the safety of the processes and related chemicals through the Ohio and U.S. Environmental Protection agencies.

**SECTION TWO:** THAT, this Council fears the adverse effects and possible irreversible damage to City water wells and other consequences of the "fracking" process who pose threats to the health, safety and welfare of the City and its inhabitants and that of future generations.

**SECTION THREE:** THAT, the Clerk of Council is to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor's office, the Leadership of the Ohio House and Senate and the Senator and Representatives serving the City of Columbiana in the Ohio General Assembly as well as the Columbiana County Commissioners.

**SECTION FOUR:** THAT this Resolution shall be published by short form in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.15(b) of the Amended Charter for the City of Columbiana.

**SECTION FIVE:** THAT this Resolution shall be and hereby is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to the preservation of the health safety and general welfare of the City and its inhabitants by reason of the need to forthwith convey the above referenced concerns to the State officials for prompt action and as such this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and virtue immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Municipal Attorney