

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON TO ADOPT A MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACIDIZING OR ANY OTHER WELL STIMULATION TREATMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRODUCTION OR EXTRACTION OF OIL, GAS OR OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES FROM ANY SURFACE LOCATION IN THE CITY OR ANY SUBSURFACE BOTTOM HOLE IN THE CITY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter VII of the Compton Municipal Code is hereby amended to add new Section 7.29 to read as follows:

“7-29.1 PURPOSE

The City Council finds that well stimulation treatments, including hydraulic fracturing and acidizing, when used in conjunction with the production or extraction of oil, gas or other hydrocarbon substances, may pose a significant risk to the public health, safety, and welfare. Such activities may increase the potential for seismic activity, contribute to air pollution, and contaminate groundwater resources. The City Council intends this moratorium to remain in place until such time as additional findings, evidence, and studies are conducted and the City Council is reasonably assured that such practices pose no significant risk to the public health, safety, and welfare.

7-29.2 DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Section, shall be defined as follows:

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING: Any well stimulation treatment that, in whole or in part, includes the pressurized injection of hydraulic fracturing fluid or fluids, which may include a mixture of water, chemicals and sand, into an underground geologic formation in order to fracture or with the intent to fracture the formation, thereby causing or enhancing the production of oil, gas or other hydrocarbon substances from a well.

ACIDIZING: Any well stimulation treatment that uses, in whole or in part, the application of one or more acids, at any pressure, to an underground geologic formation with the intent to cause or enhance the production of oil, gas or other hydrocarbon substances from a well. Acidizing may be used in conjunction with hydraulic fracturing or any other well stimulation treatment. Acidizing may include, but is not limited to, processes known as acid fracturing and acid matrix stimulation.

WELL STIMULATION TREATMENT: Any treatment or process of a well designed to enhance oil, gas or other hydrocarbon substance production or recovery by increasing the permeability of the underground geologic formation. Well stimulation treatments include, but are not limited to, hydraulic fracturing and acidizing.

