ORDINANCE NO. 2,249

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."
7-29.3 HYDRAULIC FRACUTURING, ACIDIZING AND WELL STIMULATION TREATMENTS

It shall be unlawful to use or cause to be used 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 from any site outside the City limits where the subsurface bottom hole is located in the City.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance was assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines (the Guidelines), and the environmental regulations of the City. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15308 of the Guidelines for actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment. The Class 8 exemption is applicable because this Ordinance is intended to amend the City's regulatory process for permitting oil and gas production in such a way as to better protect the environment.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the offices of the City Clerk, City Manager, and City Attorney.

SECTION 4. That the Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause same to be published as required by law.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2014

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss
CITY OF COMPTON )

I, Alita Godwin, City Clerk of the City of Compton, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Compton, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk at a regular meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of April, 2014.

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS—Zurita, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS—None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS—Galvan
ABSTAINS: COUNCIL MEMBERS—None

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

Chief Deputy City Clerk