

October 1, 2012

Jim Egged
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Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Dear Jim:

The following is a copy of a motion adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Dearborn Heights City Council held on September 25, 2012.

12-346 Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, to approve the resolution to ban hydraulic fracturing for natural gas, and forward the resolution to the appropriate representatives.

RESOLUTION: HYDRAULIC FRACKING

WHEREAS, the hydraulic fracturing (or fracking) for natural gas involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during the construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, gas production delivery and well maintenance: and

WHEREAS, the chemical constituents injected during hydraulic fracturing have documented adverse health effects and /or adverse environmental impacts: and

WHEREAS, there have been more than a 1000 documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites as some people residing near these sites can now light their drinking water on fire, as it produces a liquid waste product toxic and concentrated it is extremely difficult to dispose of safely: and

WHEREAS, shale gas fracking poses unacceptable risks to the American public and a danger to local economies as drilling jobs are not always filled by locals and farmers fall vulnerable to industrial pollutants that threaten livestock, crops, and farmland: and

WHEREAS, the passing of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and over objections of health care, scientific, environmental and conservation communities, regulation of hydraulic fracturing fluids under the Safe Drinking Water Act by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was exempted and allowed oil and gas companies to process these substances without federal oversight: and

WHEREAS, there are no requirements on oil and gas companies to disclose publicly chemical formulas of hydraulic fracturing fluids so information may be distributed for health and safety precautions: and

WHEREAS, the Bringing Reductions to Energy Airborne Toxic Health Effects Act (BREATHE Act) is currently pending in Congress and would repeal the exemption to the Clean Air Act for aggregation of emissions from oil and gas development sources: the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness Chemicals Act (FRAC Act) is currently pending in Congress and would repeal the fracking exemption to the Safe Drinking Water Act and require disclosure of chemicals used in fracking: and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this the 25th day of September, 2012, the City of Dearborn Heights fully supports a statewide and national ban on hydraulic fracturing for natural gas, and calls on our State Representatives, Michigan Congressional delegation and United States Senators to ban fracking and co-sponsor the FRAC ACT H.R. 1084/S. B. 587 and BREATH Act, H.R. 1204; to safeguard our citizens from harmful effects and to preserve our environment for generations to come.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to post this resolution in a prominent location on the City's Website, and to deliver a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, State Senator Tupac Hunter, State Representatives Bob Constan and Phil Cavanagh, SEMCOG and Michigan Municipal League.

Ayes: Councilwoman Badalow, Council Chairman Baron, Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, Councilman Kosinski.
Nays: Councilman Apigian, Councilwoman Horvath.
Absent: Councilman Berry.

Motion adopted.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at the September 25, 2012 meeting of the Dearborn Heights City Council.

Very truly yours,

Walter J. Prusiewicz
Dearborn Heights City Clerk

WJP/es

cc: Governor Snyder
State Senator Hunter
State Rep. Constan
State Rep. Cavanagh
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