

Borough of Emsworth, PA  
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## Chapter 161. OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Emsworth 8-10-2011 by Ord. No. 979. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

### § 161-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

#### **BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Real property, utilized for any purpose, of which the Borough of Emsworth is the owner of record. Property purchased subsequent to the adoption of this chapter shall also be deemed Borough Property subject to this chapter.

#### **OIL AND GAS**

Crude oil, natural gas, methane gas, coal bed methane gas, propane, butane and/or any other constituents or similar substances that are produced by drilling a well of any depth into, through, and below the surface of the earth.

#### **OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION**

The well site preparation, well site construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, and/or site restoration associated with an oil and gas well of any depth; water and other fluid storage, impoundment and transportation used for such activities; and the installation and use of all associated equipment, including tanks, meters, and other equipment and structures whether permanent or temporary; and the site preparation, construction, installation, maintenance and repair of oil and gas pipelines and associated equipment and other equipment and activities associated with the exploration for, production and transportation of oil and gas, including natural gas compressor stations and natural gas processing plants and facilities performing the equivalent functions that operate as midstream facilities.

### § 161-2. Oil and gas extraction prohibited, generally.

- A. Oil and gas extraction shall not be permitted upon Borough property, in any form or scope, as defined in the preceding section. The Borough hereby prohibits the exploration for oil and gas deposits on Borough property in any manner.
- B. This chapter in no way shall affect or limit the use of natural gas or other public utilities in their normal course of operation or maintenance of Borough property.