

**Escambia County
Clerk's Original**

8/20/2015 CAE-7

RESOLUTION NUMBER R2015- 108

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING A STATEWIDE BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND WELL STIMULATION PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners takes great pride in supporting the highest quality of life among Escambia County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners is dedicated to protecting and improving our most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Escambia County currently has eight active Superfund Sites which are the known source of chemical contaminants in groundwater; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, also known as well stimulation, may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals, some of which are known to be carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human beings; and

WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation treatments may pose a widespread and significant risk to public health and the State of Florida's most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may involve the use of a substantial amount of fresh water at a time when many Florida local governments are struggling with the impacts that water scarcity may have in the state in the near future; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may result in emissions of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, all of which would further exacerbate climate change and its impact to Florida's economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, the high-pressure injection used to fracture may result in fracturing rock formations beyond the extraction site, potentially allowing harmful chemicals to migrate into the aquifer; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may harm wildlife, including species that are protected under federal and state endangered species laws; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of such practices will help protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the state, today and for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board of County Commissioners finds the above recitals to be true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Date: 8/20/2015 Verified By: J. Lane

Section 2. That the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners, without a better understanding and study on the impacts on citizens, water, and geology within the State of Florida, supports proposed legislation on a statewide ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and well stimulation treatments performed for the purposes of exploration and production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida due to the potential harmful impacts on the public health, environment and natural resources of Escambia County.

Section 3. That the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the following:

Governor Rick Scott
State of Florida
The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Senate President
Senator Andy Gardiner
The Florida Senate
409 The Capitol, 404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Speaker of the House
Representative Steve Crisafulli
Capitol Office, 420 The Capitol
402 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Escambia County Legislative Delegation
Senator Greg Evers
Representative Clay Ingram, Chair
Representative Mike Hill
11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, Florida 32514

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2015.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA



Steven Barry, Chairman

Date Executed
8/25/2015

ATTEST: Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court

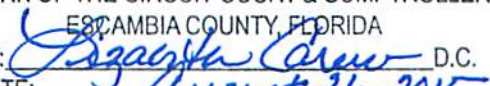
By 

Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency.

By/Title: 
Date: 8/24/2015



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ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE
WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
PAM CHILDERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY:  D.C.
DATE: August 26, 2015