

**Village of Forest Hills Resolution**  
for  
**Opposing Hydraulic Fracturing ("Fracking")**

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**RESOLUTION # 2014-08-05a**

**WHEREAS** hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is being explored in North Carolina as the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in NC has been lifted allowing permits to be issued as early as 2015; and

**WHEREAS** the hydraulic fracturing for natural gas involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, and hydraulic fracturing process; and

**WHEREAS** the industry is not required to publicly disclose chemical formulas of hydraulic fracturing fluids so that this information is transparent and publicly available for health and safety purposes; and

**WHEREAS** many of the chemical constituents injected during hydraulic fracturing have documented adverse health effects and/or adverse environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS** there have been documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites; and investigations into the increase in earthquakes surrounding fracking sites; and

**WHEREAS** the use of these hydraulic fracturing mixes exposes adjacent land to potential destruction and surface waters to the risk of contamination; and

**WHEREAS** the pollution of water threatens clean drinking water and the pollution of water and soil threatens the long-term economic well-being of communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Village of Forest Hills does not have a municipal water department and relies heavily on private wells for resident water sources, and the Village of Forest Hills has a natural creek running through the valley directly through the center of its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS** the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of The Village of Forest Hills soil and water resources for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS** the Village of Forest Hills believes municipalities in the state of NC should have the right to pass legislation restricting hydraulic fracturing if they choose;

**RESOLVED** that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, The Village of Forest Hills in Jackson County, NC supports prohibiting hydraulic fracturing for natural gas by reinstatement of the ban on hydraulic fracturing in NC until the safety of the processes and its related chemicals have been fully investigated and vetted for public safety through the Environmental Protection Agencies, and until long-term effects are documented.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution will be sent to our State Representatives, Congressional Representatives, and U.S. Senators.

Motion by:

*Clark Cowin*

Seconded by:

*Dan Pearlman*

Vote: - AYES:

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NAYS:

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*Kolleen Begley*  
Kolleen Begley, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Stephanie Gibson*  
Stephanie Gibson, Village Clerk