

RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE BAN ON EXTREME
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING AND OTHER SIMILAR
METHODOLOGIES FOR ENERGY RESOURCE
EXTRACTION IN FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, methodologies for energy resource well stimulation, such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (fracking and acidification) involve the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, fracturing, gas production and delivery, well maintenance, and workover operations; and

WHEREAS, fracturing of underground geologic formations is accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals under very high pressure to create fractures in gas bearing geologic formations; and the water used is contaminated forever; and

WHEREAS, each fracturing uses 30,000 (and up to 13 million) gallons of water and each well can be fractured over 13 times; and

WHEREAS, well stimulation permanently pollutes millions of gallons of water with the chemicals used in fracking and acidizing and with the radioactive materials and heavy metals in the flowback; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemical constituents injected during fracturing have documented adverse health effects and/or adverse environmental impacts, for example, 60% of those chemicals can harm the brain and nervous system, 30% are suspected carcinogens, and 30% are developmental toxicants; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than a 1,000 documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites; and

WHEREAS, wastewater from fracking can contain radioactive elements and has been discharged into rivers that supply drinking water for millions; and

WHEREAS, use of these well stimulation fracturing chemical mixtures exposes adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development; and

WHEREAS, pollution of water caused by well stimulation and fracking threatens the long term economic wellbeing of communities, as businesses and consumers depend on clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry is not required by federal law to publicly disclose chemical formulas of well stimulation and fracturing fluids so that this information is publicly unavailable for health and safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of Florida's water supplies and water resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, protection of Florida's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restoring degraded environments after the fact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That it hereby supports a statewide ban on extreme hydraulic fracturing and other similar methodologies for energy resource extraction in Florida.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Broward Legislative Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward League of Cities, and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of July, 2015.

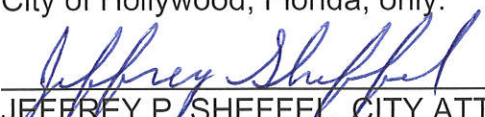


PETER BOBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
For the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida, only.



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