

RESOLUTION NO. 15-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO OPPOSE LEGISLATION WHICH COULD ALLOW FRACKING IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; URGING FLORIDA LEGISLATORS TO BAN FRACKING IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND TO GOVERNOR SCOTT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, fracking, the act of injecting a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the earth at high pressure, to allow gas to flow out, is an environmentally dangerous practice; and

WHEREAS, chemicals used in the fracking process are toxic to humans, wildlife and plants, and long-term damage, including water contamination, environmental spills, physical injuries and even earthquakes, have been documented across the country; and

WHEREAS, fracking poses danger to food and water supply, air quality and soil. It involves known carcinogens and neurotoxins and could inflict irreparable damage to the delicate Florida ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2015, the Florida House passed HB 1205, which would regulate fracking with strict guidelines, and the Florida Senate tabled a companion bill, making it unlikely to pass during the current legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission urges members of the Florida Legislature to draft and approve legislation to ban the practice of fracking in the State of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission is opposed to fracking in any form in the State of Florida.

Section 2: In light of the environmental and economic damage that can be inflicted by the fracking process, the City Commission urges the Florida Legislature to draft and approve legislation to ban the practice of fracking in the State of Florida.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Representative Raschein, Senator Bullard, members of the Florida House and Senate leadership, and Governor Rick Scott.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 16 day of June, 2015.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 17 day of June, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk on June 17, 2015.

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| Mayor Craig Cates | <u>Yes</u> |
| Vice Mayor Mark Rossi | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Teri Johnston | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Clayton Lopez | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Billy Wardlow | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Jimmy Weekley | <u>Yes</u> |
| Commissioner Tony Yaniz | <u>Yes</u> |



CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK