RESOLUTION NO. 02-2016 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE PROHIBITION ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING,
ACID FRACTURING, AND SIMILAR HIGH PRESSURE WELL STIMULATION
PRACTICES PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORATION AND
PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
AND SUPPORTING LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and similar high
pressure well stimulation practices, commonly called fracking, are methods of
extracting underground oil and natural gas resources; and

WHEREAS, fracking typically involves the pumping or injection of
millions of gallons of water mixed with sand and chemicals into the ground at
high pressure to fracture rock under the surface of the ground in the vicinity of
an extraction well; and

WHEREAS, most of Florida's water supply comes from highly permeable
limestone formations which are vulnerable to contamination from fracking and
any other activity which introduces potentially harmful substances into
subsurface aquifers; and

WHEREAS, Florida's oil and gas regulations found in Chapter 377,
Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rules 62C-25 thru 30 makes
no reference to hydraulic fracturing or fracking; and

WHEREAS, in December 2013, high pressure acid fracturing was
utilized by a Texas-based oil drilling company in Collier County prompting the
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to issue a cease and
desist order, revoke the company's drilling permits, and issue a $25,000 fine;
and

WHEREAS, DEP has installed a series of groundwater wells in the
vicinity of the Collier County fracking well to monitor for contamination; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health, in an extensive
study of high volume hydraulic fracturing released in December 2014, found
that there were significant uncertainties about the kinds of adverse health
outcomes that may be associated with hydraulic fracturing, the likelihood of the
occurrence of adverse health outcomes, and the effectiveness of some of the
mitigation measures in reducing or preventing environmental impacts which
could affect public health; and

WHEREAS, there is legislation pending in the State of Florida that would
provide a statewide prohibition on fracking as well as legislation that provides
additional regulation and permitting requirements; and
WHEREAS, the Lake Worth City Commission has consistently maintained policies and programs for the protection of public health and natural resources including drinking water supplies, conservation lands, and other local and state resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that without compelling scientific evidence of the safety of fracking in the State of Florida, it is in the best interest of the City of Lake Worth to support a statewide ban on these activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1: The City of Lake Worth supports a statewide ban on hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and similar high pressure well stimulation practices more commonly known as fracking, and support legislation providing for same.

SECTION 2: A copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the Chair and members of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The passage of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner ______, seconded by Commissioner ______, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Pam Triolo
Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell
Commissioner Christopher McVoy
Commissioner Andy Amoroso
Commissioner Ryan Maier

Mayor Pam Triolo thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted on the 5th day of January, 2016.

LAKE WORTH CITY COMMISSION

By: __________________________
   Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Lopez, City Clerk