

RESOLUTION NO.: 2016-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING A STATEWIDE BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING AND EXTREME WELL STIMULATION PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City council members are generally charged with safeguarding the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City; and

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

WHEREAS, extreme well stimulation such as hydraulic acid fracturing (fracking and acidification) involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, fracturing, oil or natural 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 oil or natural gas bearing geologic formations; and the water used in this process is contaminated forever; and

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

WHEREAS, voters in Florida overwhelmingly approved Florida Constitutional Amendment 1, the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, which is designed to protect Florida's natural resources including the State's drinking water; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA THAT:

1. The City of Mexico Beach supports a statewide ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and extreme well stimulation treatments performed for the purposes of exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida due to the potential harmful impacts on the environment, our citizens and natural resources; and
2. The Clerk is authorized to direct to send to the Governor of the State of Florida, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Bay County State Delegation, a copy of this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Resolved, upon motion, second, after discussion, by the majority vote this 12th day of January, 2016

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY