

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-10

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida Supporting a Statewide Ban on Hydraulic Fracturing, Acid Fracturing and any form of Extreme Well Stimulation or Resource Extraction in Florida

WHEREAS, extreme well stimulation such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (fracking and acidification) involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, fracturing, gas production and delivery, well maintenance, and work over operations; and

WHEREAS, fracturing of underground geologic formations is often accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water, on average 4.5 million gallons per well, under very high pressure to create fractures in gas bearing geologic formations; and the water used is contaminated forever; 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, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the state's surface and ground water resources are intimately connected and support drinking water supplies, agriculture, industry, wildlife habitat and a thriving recreation-based economy; and

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

WHEREAS, the pollution of water caused by well stimulation and fracking threatens the long term economic well-being 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, the 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, that on the 11th day of March, 2015, the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida supports a statewide ban on hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and any form of extreme well stimulation and resource extraction; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida will send a letter to our state legislators and the Governor of the State of Florida calling for a ban on fracking and for them to introduce and/or support a legislative bill prohibiting all forms of extreme well stimulation and resource extraction.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee this 11th day of March, 2015.

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

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Mayor

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