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**RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2013**

**CITY CLERK**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING "FRACKING" TO ACCESS SUBSURFACE OIL AND GAS RESERVES WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, Hydraulic fracturing "fracking" is a process that uses high-pressure mixtures of water, sand or gravel and chemicals to crack below surface rock formations; and

WHEREAS, the goal of "fracking" is to create pathways or conduits through the below surface rock formations to enhance the flow of oil or gas into a wellbore; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Oil and Gas permits and regulates oil and gas activities in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the IDNR requires detailed reporting of hydraulic fracturing operations to include volumes and types of fluids used and the nature and amounts of proppants; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Terre Haute has concerns regarding the chemicals to be used in the process, risk of accidental releases, and impacts on groundwater; and

WHEREAS, until such time as the Common Council for the City of Terre Haute is made fully aware of the risks associated with the "fracking" process, it is the Council's desire to implement a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing "fracking" within the corporate boundaries of the City of Terre Haute.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Terre Haute that until such time that this moratorium is rescinded by an action of the Common Council, the process of hydraulic fracturing "fracking" to access subsurface oil and gas reserves shall not be utilized within the corporate boundaries of the City of Terre Haute.

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_ Norman Loudermilk, Councilman

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_ John Mullican, Councilman

Passed in open Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_ Norman Loudermilk, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_ Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk