

TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD**RESOLUTION CONTINUING AND EXTENDING MORATORIUM ON ALL
NATURAL RESOURCE EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES IN THE
TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Township desires to maintain its long tradition of protecting the natural resources and the environment within its borders and to that end on August 20, 2012, the Township Board approved a Moratorium Resolution on all natural resource exploration and extraction activities in the Township.

WHEREAS, the August 20, 2012, Moratorium Resolution followed the State's auctioning off portions of the mineral rights it possessed within the Township borders leading to a concern regarding adverse impacts resulting from uncontrolled exploration and extraction activities within the Township by those who purchase these mineral rights.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act contains some limitation on the Township's ability to regulate the exploration and extraction of natural resources within the Township which will require further analysis in order to put effective regulations on the activities in order to protect the natural resources and the environment within Township borders.

WHEREAS, additional time to fully explore the potential irreparable harm to the natural resources and environment in the Township is required to consider, draft and adopt effective regulation of natural resource extraction within the Township is required, now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective February 28, 2013, for an additional period of one (1) year, through February 28, 2014, the August 20, 2012, moratorium is hereby extended on the consideration, review or action by all Township entities, officials, employees and/or agents on applications, proposals, requests, permits, approvals, zoning compliance or certificates regarding drilling operations in the Township that might be proposed or presented to the Township, and that during the moratorium period, no drilling operation shall be allowed in the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the extended period of the moratorium established by this Resolution, an aggrieved property owner or business petitioner may request and be entitled to a hearing before the Township Board for the purpose of attempting to demonstrate that the moratorium will preclude all viable economic use of their property or otherwise violate applicable provisions of state or federal law. A hearing shall be requested in writing to the Township Clerk that describes the grounds for the request. The hearing shall be held at a regular Township Board meeting within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request. Upon concluding a hearing, the Township Board shall determine whether the petitioner has made the required demonstration, and if so, shall grant relief from the moratorium.

Motion by **Trustee Brown**, seconded by **Trustee Swimmer**, that the above Resolution be adopted.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, CATHERINE SHAUGHNESSY, the duly qualified Clerk of the Township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of West Bloomfield on the 11th day of February, 2013, the original of which is in my office.



Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

MORATORIUM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Township desires to maintain its long tradition of protecting the natural resources and the environment within its borders

WHEREAS the State has auctioned off mineral rights it possessed within the Township borders leading to a concern regarding adverse impacts resulting from uncontrolled exploration and extraction activities within the Township by those who purchase these mineral rights.

WHEREAS the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act provides for some limitations on the Township's ability to regulate the exploration and extraction of natural resources within the Township.

WHEREAS time to fully explore the potential irreparable harm to the natural resources and environment in the Township is required to consider, draft and adopt effective regulation of natural resource extraction within the Township is required, now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that effective September 1, 2012 for a period of six (6) months, through February 28, 2013, a moratorium is hereby established on the consideration, review or action by all Township entities, officials, employees and/or agents on applications, proposals, requests, permits, approvals, zoning compliance or certificates regarding drilling operations in the Township that might be proposed or presented to the Township, and that during the moratorium period, no drilling operation shall be allowed in the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of the moratorium established by this Resolution, an aggrieved property owner or business petitioner may request and be entitled to a hearing before the Township Board for the purpose of attempting to demonstrate that the moratorium will preclude all viable economic use of their property or otherwise violate applicable provisions of state or federal law. A hearing shall be requested in writing to the Township Clerk that describes the grounds for the request and will be scheduled for the next regular Township Board meeting. Upon concluding a hearing, the Township Board shall determine whether the petitioner has made the required demonstration, and if so, shall grant relief from the moratorium.

Motion by Supervisor Economou Ureste, seconded by Clerk Shaughnessy, that the above Resolution be adopted.


AYES: Economou Ureste, Shaughnessy, Weingarden, Brown, Farber, Kaplan, Rosenberg

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Catherine Shaughnessy, the duly qualified Clerk of the Township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of West Bloomfield on the 20th day of August 2012, the original of which is in my office.



Township Clerk

RESOLUTION
No. 3
OPPOSING OIL & NATURAL GAS DRILLING UNDER
WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, West Bloomfield Township is blessed with beautiful lakes, ponds, streams & other wetlands which are vital to the environmental health of our community; and

WHEREAS, the West Bloomfield Township Board has a long and proud tradition of protecting the environment against man-made contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources conducted an auction on Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 selling off mineral rights to properties contained within West Bloomfield Township; and

WHEREAS, the sale of those mineral rights could possibly allow for oil and natural gas drilling in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the process of drilling for oil and natural gas poses a real and reasonably imminent danger of contamination to our wetlands and the underlying aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the residents of West Bloomfield Township will, at a minimum, realize great inconvenience and esthetic problems; and

WHEREAS, if a spill were to occur, the contamination and cleanup costs would be overwhelming to our residents; and

WHEREAS, the potential for catastrophic spills and long-term devastation of our precious waterways outweighs the potential economic benefits from drilling operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Bloomfield Township Board hereby opposes any oil or natural gas drilling in the Township and further opposes any and all directional drilling originating in another community and terminating under West Bloomfield Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, and West Bloomfield's representatives in the Michigan Legislature.

CERTIFICATION

I, Catherine Shaughnessy, Clerk of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution by the Township Board of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield at the meeting held on the 14th day of May, 2012.


Catherine Shaughnessy
West Bloomfield Township Clerk