A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT HAGAN’S CALL
FOR AN IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON BRINE INJECTION OPERATIONS

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WHEREAS, there has been a recent increase in activity of hydraulic fracturing, siting, production and waste disposal operations from the natural gas industry in our local area; and

WHEREAS, these operations have been implicated in having the potential to be sources of environmental disasters; and

WHEREAS, there have been 11 recorded earthquakes with epicenters within 5 miles of a brine injection well since it commenced operation in Youngstown, raising the alarm of the citizens and officials of the City and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, further study is needed and public hearings should be held on deep well natural gas drilling and its disposal operations in order to assess the potential risks of hydraulic fracturing to our natural resources, including local water supplies, infrastructure, public safety, economy and environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1

That Youngstown City Council hereby supports Representative Robert Hagan’s call for an immediate temporary moratorium on brine injection operations.

SECTION 2

That the Clerk of Council is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to individuals as designated by Council.

[Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Valencia Morrow
CITY CLERK


[Signature]
Charlie D. Lemmon
MAYOR
January 3, 2012

Atty. Anthony J. Farris  
Director of Law  
City of Youngstown, OH

Dear Atty. Farris:

Please prepare a resolution supporting Representative Robert Hagan’s call for an immediate temporary moratorium on brine injection operations in the State of Ohio and the scheduling of public hearings on the practice.

This resolution will be sponsored by both the Mayor and Council as a Whole.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Charles P. Sammarone  
Mayor, City of Youngstown

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MEET THE EXPENDITURE HEREIN AUTHORIZED IS IN THE TREASURY, OR IN PROCESS OF COLLECTION, TO THE CREDIT OF THE PROPER FUND FROM WHICH PAYMENT CAN BE MADE.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE