

RESOLUTION NO: 15-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING EXTREME METHODS OF OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION, INCLUDING HYDRAULIC AND ACIDIC FRACTURING OR "FRACKING" WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND ITS ADJACENT WATERS

WHEREAS, the City of Atlantic Beach is made up of waterfront property and is a low-lying coastal community at the frontline to experience the impacts of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlantic Beach has various vital facilities and infrastructure that could be adversely affected by sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, climate scientists and other groups such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal Services Center have predicted the potential erosion of dry land and loss of waterfront property as a result of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, Florida's aquifer may be compromised from its overuse and polluted by continued runoff; and

WHEREAS, the limestone layer covering much of the aquifer has proven vulnerable to sinkhole activity; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic and acidic fracturing or "fracking" and other extreme methods of oil and gas extraction raise serious questions of damage to water sources and geologic stability in other areas of the country; and

WHEREAS, the potential for a damaging event to the aquifer and limestone layer could prove to be beyond the ability to mitigate no matter how great or small the risk of occurrence of such event; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic and acidic fracturing, or "fracking," or other extreme methods of oil and gas extraction, could affect water and land outside the confines of the permitted area.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTIC BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Atlantic Beach declares its opposition to hydraulic and acidic fracturing or "fracking" or other extreme methods of oil and gas extraction within the State of Florida or in the adjacent waters.

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Atlantic Beach respectfully requests that no State agency issue permits for such purpose and urge the Legislators of the State of Florida to pass legislation prohibiting hydraulic and acidic fracturing or "fracking" or other extreme methods of oil and gas extraction or the disposal of related materials and by-products, anywhere within the State of Florida, or in the waters adjacent to the State, and allocate sufficient appropriations to ensure success of the legislation.


Section 3. The City Commission of the City of Atlantic Beach further requests the Governor of the State of Florida to sign such legislation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of Atlantic Beach, Florida, this 12th day of October 2015.



CAROLYN WOODS,
Mayor

Attest:



DONNA L. BARTLE, CMC
City Clerk