

NO. 2015-381

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENACTING A STATEWIDE BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND WELL STIMULATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing is the process of pumping a fluid into or under the surface of the ground in order to create fractures in existing rock for the purpose of producing or recovering oil or gas; and

WHEREAS, such well stimulation treatments may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals, some of which may be carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human health; and

WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation may pose a widespread and significant risk to public health and to the State of Florida's most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may involve the use of substantial amounts of freshwater at a time when many Florida municipalities are struggling with the impacts that water scarcity may have in the State of Florida in the near future; 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 attempting to restore degraded environments after the fact; and

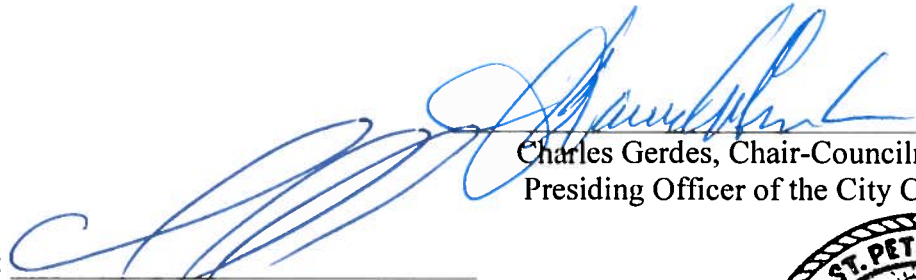
WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of Florida's water supplies and water resources for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that the City Council hereby supports proposed legislation enacting a statewide ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and well stimulation performed for the purposes of exploration and production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council hereby instructs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker and members of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 20th day of August,
2015.



Charles Gerdes, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST: 
Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk

