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Request to Consider for Adoption a proposed Oil and Gas Well Drilling Moratorium Resolution

Body

WHEREAS, the City has and continues to receive an outpouring of input from residents and the general public expressing concern about possible adverse effects of oil and gas exploration and development in Rochester Hills relating to pollution of land, water and air; protection of natural resources and environment; odor; noise; truck traffic; property values; accidents and spills, zoning; incompatibility; quality of life; and public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, circumstances surrounding oil and gas exploration and development in proximity to populated residential areas continue to change and develop with the recent siting of an exploratory oil well in the northwest part of adjacent Shelby Township raising concern over noise, lights, odor, safety, compatibility and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's experience, resources and ability to properly oversee and regulate oil drilling and development in a populated suburban residential setting; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1026 has been introduced in the State Legislature by Senators Brandenburg and Rocca and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes. If enacted, Senate Bill 1026 will materially alter state law concerning oil and gas development by not authorizing the drilling of oil or

gas wells in cities or townships with populations of 70,000 or more, which would effectively ban oil well siting in Rochester Hills; and

WHEREAS, more time is needed to allow the state legislative process to proceed regarding Senate Bill 1026; and also to further study, consider and adopt, within the confines of applicable state and federal law, appropriate local regulations of oil and gas well siting and drilling in the City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective immediately for a period of six (6) months, through February 26, 2015, a moratorium is hereby established on the consideration, review or action by any City boards, departments, officials, employees and/or agents on applications, proposals, requests, permits, approvals, zoning compliance or certificates regarding oil and gas well siting and drilling operations in the City, and that during the moratorium period, no oil and gas well siting or drilling shall be allowed to take place in the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rochester Hills City Council fully endorses and offers its assistance in support of Senate Bill 1026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rochester Hills City Council directs the City Planning Commission to, with all due diligence, consider, develop and recommend to City Council local ordinances to regulate oil and gas well siting and drilling, pipelines and other aspects of oil and gas exploration, development, processing and transport as determined to be appropriate, necessary and lawful to protect and balance property rights; protect, preserve and conserve our environment, natural resources and community character and values, and to protect and promote the public health safety and general welfare of the City and its residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is requested to forthwith transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Oakland County Executive, Oakland County Board of Commissioners, State Supervisor of Oil Wells, State Senators Brandenburg and Rocca, the State Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes, the State House and Senate majority and minority leaders, State Senator Marleau, and State Representatives McMillin and Greimel.