



## City of North Port

### RESOLUTION 2017-R-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND WELL STIMULATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, 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 natural gas; and

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

**WHEREAS**, exposure to the chemicals used in stimulation (fracturing) could pose a widespread and significant risk to public health and to the State of Florida's most precious resources; and

**WHEREAS**, stimulation (fracturing) treatment could involve the use of substantial amounts of fresh water 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 Florida Legislature has the ability to create legislation that would prohibit fracturing and all such stimulation in the State of Florida; 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 Commission of the City of North Port, Florida:

1. That the City Commission of the City of North Port hereby supports legislation that would enact a statewide ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and well stimulation performed for the purpose of exploration and/or production of oil and natural gas in the State of Florida.
2. That the proper officers of the City of North Port are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out and make effective the provisions of this resolution.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon execution by the Mayor.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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Linda M. Yates  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Patsy C. Adkins, MMC  
CITY CLERK

Approved as to format and correctness:

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Mark Moriarty  
CITY ATTORNEY