

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE OIL DRILLING PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY KANTER REAL ESTATE LLC, TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SEEKING OIL DRILLING RIGHTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES WEST OF MIRAMAR'S CITY LIMITS, AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS OPPOSING EXTREME WELL STIMULATION, HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND ANY FORM OF EXTREME WELL STIMULATION FOR PURPOSES OF RESOURCE EXTRACTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City recently learned that Kanter Real Estate LLC, a Florida for profit limited liability corporation ("Kanter"), has submitted an application for an oil drilling permit to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection seeking authorization to conduct exploratory oil well drilling operations on property owned by Kanter located approximately six miles west of the City of Miramar's city limits in the Florida Everglades; and

WHEREAS, if granted, the oil drilling is anticipated to exceed 11,000 feet in depth, well below the area known as the Biscayne Aquifer, which provides the water supply for many resident of Broward County Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City, along with many local agencies, has expressed substantial concerns about the potential harmful effects of the proposed drilling, including potential adverse environmental impacts such as the degradation and possible contamination of the Biscayne Aquifer, the substantial impact that such drilling operations will have on the Florida Everglades' fragile ecosystem, comprised of water supplies, plant and vegetation, as well as the possible harm and injury to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, extreme well stimulation such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (also known as "fracking") is the process of pumping a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water, under very high pressure into or below the surface of the ground to create fractures in oil – or gas-bearing geological formations for the purpose of producing or recovering oil or gas; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemical constitutes injected during fracturing have documented adverse effects on human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than 1,000 documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites; and

WHEREAS, use of the well stimulation fracturing mixes exposes adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development such as the exploratory well sought by Kanter; and

WHEREAS, Florida's water supplies and resources are better protected through the prevention of contamination and environmental degradation from the outset, rather than the clean-up of contamination and restoration of degraded environments after the fact; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the residents of the City of Hollywood to present its vehement opposition to the Kanter oil drilling permit application and resultant operations, and seeks to support the efforts made by the City of Miramar in opposition to Kanter's application as the municipality closest to the location of the proposed drilling and the area most likely to suffer substantial adverse impacts associated with the exploratory oil drilling sought by Kanter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That it hereby expresses its vehement opposition to the exploratory oil drilling operations sought by Kanter Real estate LLC in the area approximately six miles west of the City of Miramar city limits and urges Broward County and all municipalities in Broward County to consider similar legislation opposing the efforts of Kanter.

Section 2: The City hereby opposes extreme well stimulation, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and any other forms of extreme well stimulation for purposes of resource extraction.

Section 3: The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Broward County, all cities within Broward County, the Broward County League of Cities, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect as immediately upon its passage and adoption.

RESOLUTION: OPPOSITION TO DRILLING PERMIT APPLICATION.

PASSED AND ADOPTED This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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PETER BOBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
for the use and reliance of the  
City of Hollywood, Florida, only

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JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL, CITY ATTORNEY