

**Village of Forest Hills Resolution
for
Opposing Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”)**

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RESOLUTION # 2014-08-05

WHEREAS hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is being explored in North Carolina as the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in NC has been lifted allowing permits to be issued as early as 2015; and

WHEREAS the hydraulic fracturing for natural gas involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, and hydraulic fracturing process; and

WHEREAS the industry is not required to publicly disclose chemical formulas of hydraulic fracturing fluids so that this information is transparent and publicly available for health and safety purposes; and

WHEREAS many of the chemical constituents injected during hydraulic fracturing have documented adverse health effects and/or adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS there have been documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites; and investigations into the increase in earthquakes surrounding fracking sites; and

WHEREAS the use of these hydraulic fracturing mixes exposes adjacent land to potential destruction and surface waters to the risk of contamination; and

WHEREAS the pollution of water threatens clean drinking water and the pollution of water and soil threatens the long-term economic well-being of communities; and

WHEREAS the Village of Forest Hills does not have a municipal water department and relies heavily on private wells for resident water sources, and the Village of Forest Hills has a natural creek running through the valley directly through the center of its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of The Village of Forest Hills soil and water resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS the Village of Forest Hills believes municipalities in the state of NC should have the right to pass legislation restricting hydraulic fracturing if they choose;

RESOLVED that on the 5th day of August, 2014, The Village of Forest Hills in Jackson County, NC supports prohibiting hydraulic fracturing for natural gas by reinstatement of the ban on hydraulic fracturing in NC until the safety of the processes and its related chemicals have been fully investigated and vetted for public safety through the Environmental Protection Agencies, and until long-term effects are documented.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution will be sent to our State Representatives, Congressional Representatives, and U.S. Senators.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote: – AYES: ____ **NAYS:** ____

ATTEST:

Kolleen Begley, Mayor

Stephanie Gibson, Village Clerk