

RESOLUTION
of the
BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE
Resolution No 2015-094

Council Meeting Date: 02-23-2015

Date Adopted:

TITLE: Resolution Prohibiting The Treatment, Storage And Disposal Of Wastewater Byproducts Resulting From Hydraulic Fracturing”

Councilperson _____ submitted the following resolution, which was duly seconded by Councilperson _____.

WHEREAS, the "fracking" drilling technique uses vast quantities of water mixed with chemicals and solids pumped into shale formations at high pressure to fracture the shale formation and millions of gallons of contaminated water flow back out of the well, and

WHEREAS, there are high concentrations of solids and harmful chemicals in hydraulic fracturing wastewater, including heavy metals which have harmful environmental impacts, and

WHEREAS, fracking is exempt from important regulations meant to protect public health and the environment, specifically sections of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Superfund, National Environmental Policy Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of New Providence seeks to protect our natural resources by prohibiting the treatment, discharge, disposal, application to roadway, or storage of wastewater, wastewater solids, sludge, drill cuttings or other byproducts from natural gas exploration or production using hydraulic fracturing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union does hereby encourage all other municipalities of the County of Union to enact legislation to prohibit the treatment, discharge, disposal, application to roadway, or storage of wastewater, wastewater solids, sludge, drill cuttings or other byproducts from natural gas exploration or production using hydraulic fracturing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the County of Union