

TOWN OF HAYESVILLE

Resolution Regarding Hydraulic Fracturing

Whereas, the drilling for natural gas that involves horizontal hydraulic fracturing also involves the use of potentially hazardous chemicals and materials during the construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, gas production and delivery; and

Whereas, hydraulic horizontal fracturing of underground geologic formations involves the injecting of a complex mixture of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water per well, under very high pressure to create fractures in gas bearing geological formations; and

Whereas, "fracking" as it is more commonly known, is now being explored in North Carolina, with permits to be issued in early 2015; and

Whereas, there have been reports from several states of water contamination near fracking sites, with reports of carcinogenic and other toxic chemicals used in the fracking process; and

Whereas, the process of horizontal fracturing with its related chemicals, including the process of recycling and/or disposing of said chemicals after their use has not been fully investigated and vetted through the North Carolina and U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies; and

Whereas, Hayesville has a wealth of natural waterways and a vested interest in their cleanliness and safety, and the cultural and residential uses are primarily recreationally oriented, and thus activities such as drilling and fracking could have a direct impact on residents of Hayesville and/or the outlying Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ); and

Whereas the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of all water supplies and water resources for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF HAYESVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Hayesville, North Carolina goes on record to strongly oppose the future exploration of gas wells with horizontal fracturing within the town limits of Hayesville and the ETJ, and even including the surrounding territory of Clay County itself.