

1 Introduced May 27, 2014, by Councilman  
2 Cusimano, seconded by Councilwoman  
3 Harbison, (by request of Administration)

4 **RESOLUTION R14-13**

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6 A resolution supporting a prohibition on hydraulic fracturing and horizontal  
7 drilling (“fracking”) in St. Tammany Parish and to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Slidell  
8 to take action as necessary to oppose the approval of fracking activities.

9 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council understands the proposed method of oil  
10 and gas extraction is horizontal high-volume hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) wherein gas  
11 and or oil is extracted from the shale by injecting large quantities of water, toxic chemicals,  
12 and sand under high pressure; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council is concerned about the environmental,  
16 health, and economic impacts of this practice; and  
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19 WHEREAS, it is known and accepted that fracking fluids and silica when  
20 released into the environment can contaminate the air, soil, and water resulting in severe  
21 health impacts on members of the affected community; and  
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24 WHEREAS, published studies reveal property values for residences located  
25 near fracking sites have been negatively impacted; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council is interested in the well being and quality  
28 of life of its residents, and understand they represent a community of people who value  
29 clean air and pure water, where our children grow up healthy, and where we strive to  
30 prevent pollution and environmental destruction before it threatens the safety of our  
31 families.  
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35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council calls on  
36 the St Tammany Parish President and Council, the Louisiana Department of Natural  
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4 Resources, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the United States Army  
5 Corps of Engineers, and our Louisiana Representatives and Senators to stand with the  
6 residents of this community, the Mayor, and the City of Slidell in opposition to “fracking” in  
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8 St. Tammany Parish.  
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10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Slidell City Council strongly urges  
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12 regulating government officials to deny the applicant authorization to move forward with  
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14 fracking operations.

15 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Slidell City Council authorizes the Mayor  
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17 to act as necessary to oppose horizontal high-volume hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”)  
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19 activities in the City of Slidell, to take all action necessary and proper, including filing any  
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21 opposition on behalf of the City of Slidell before any administrative agencies and institute  
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23 legal proceedings in such opposition before any Court.

24 **ADOPTED** this 27th day of May, 2014.

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27 Landon Cusimano  
28 President of the Council  
29 Councilman-at-Large

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31 Thomas P. Reeves  
32 Council Administrator  
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