

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4065

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. GROBY

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION TO CONSIDER DELAYING A DECISION ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS RELATIVE TO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH

WHEREAS, the citizens of St. Tammany Parish have expressed concern over the effects of hydraulic fracturing particularly as it relates to the protection of the Parish’s aquifer which is the primary source of our drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has jurisdiction and the duty pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 to protect the quality of the public drinking water; and

WHEREAS, said Agency has rules and regulations regarding the protection of ”sole source aquifers” such as the one located in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Commissioner of Conservation has jurisdiction over the issuance of permits related to hydraulic fracturing in every parish of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner also has the duty and obligation to conserve and protect all aquifers in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council wishes to seek an opinion from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as to said Agency’s regulatory authority over protecting St. Tammany’s aquifer as a ”sole source aquifer” from any effects of a proposed hydraulic fracturing operation.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to request that the Louisiana Commissioner of Conservation consider delaying a decision on the issuance of any permits relative to hydraulic fracturing in St. Tammany Parish until an opinion can be obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency relative to the protection of the Parish’s sole source aquifer pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 5 DAY OF JUNE , 2014, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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R. REID FALCONER, AIA, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK