

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2017 -02

A Resolution Concerning

NATURAL GAS HYDRAULIC FRACTURING (“FRACKING”).

FOR THE PURPOSE OF reiterating Charles County, Maryland’s policy on natural gas hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”).

WHEREAS, fracking is the process of drilling into the earth before a high pressure water mixture is directed at the rock to release the gas inside the rock; and

WHEREAS, water, sand and chemicals are injected into the rock at high pressure which allows the gas to flow out of the head of the well;¹ and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland continues to study the environmental impacts of fracking; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation mandating that any regulations adopted the Maryland Department of the Environment on fracking not take effect until October 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, State legislation also prohibited the Department of the Environment from issuing a permit for fracking until October 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review, in a letter dated December 29, 2016, has requested that the Department of the Environment delay final adoption of the regulations as it intends to conduct a more detailed study of the regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland, as follows:

The County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland pass this resolution to reiterate their opposition to fracking within Charles County, Maryland; and

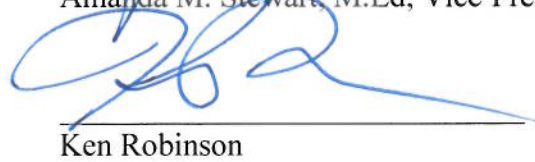
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the 24th day of January, 2017, and apply immediately upon the signatures of the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland.

¹ The fracking process description is described in the 2016 Charles County Comprehensive Plan, adopted July 12, 2016, Chapter 4.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**


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Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed, Vice President


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ATTEST:


Danielle Mitchell, Clerk

Bobby Rucci

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly appointed Clerk to the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland, and that the foregoing Resolution No.2017- 02 was duly adopted by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland on this 24th day of January, 2017, in public session on a regular meeting day at which meeting a quorum was present.


Danielle Mitchell, Clerk