

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 13-105

INTRODUCED BY: Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Langshaw,
Marnecheck, Muller, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OHIO SB 17 WHICH PROPOSES TO INCREASE REGULATIONS ON OIL AND GAS DRILLING BY REQUIRING THAT ALL DRILLING CHEMICALS BEING USED MUST BE DISCLOSED TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

WHEREAS: Residents of North Royalton are concerned about the impact of oil and gas drilling on the environment, public health, and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS: The City of North Royalton has experienced two mechanical well malfunctions, one at the Valley Vista Elementary School well in 2008 and the Mercury Drive oil spill in 2011; and

WHEREAS: Expanding chemical information required on drilling applications is in the best interest of public safety; and

WHEREAS: SB 17 proposes to increase regulation on oil and gas drilling by, in part, requiring that the drilling chemicals being used must be disclosed to healthcare professionals and emergency responders in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS: Requiring disclosure for all chemicals brought to a well site will help emergency responders in handling spills and other emergency situations that arise with drilling; and

WHEREAS: Expanding the reasons for which healthcare professionals can request chemical information in treating those injured by drilling or well accidents will afford more expedient medical treatment; and

WHEREAS: Changing current state law by removing the current requirement that healthcare professionals keep drilling chemical information confidential is in the best interest of public transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Council and the Mayor hereby support SB 17 requiring disclosure of all chemicals brought to a well site to emergency responders handling spills and other emergency situations that arise with drilling.

Section 2. The Legislative Director is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to State Representative Mike Dovilla, State Senator Tom Patton, and members of the Ohio General Assembly upon adoption of this Resolution.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

THEREFORE, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of all members, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Larry Antoskiewicz
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: September 3, 2013

DATE APPROVED: September 4, 2013

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading September 3, 2013

YEAS: Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky,
Langshaw, Marnecheck, Muller, Kasaris

NAYS: none