

TOWNSHIP OF SHARON
RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 0402

**MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND APPROVALS
FOR OIL AND GAS RELATED ACTIVITIES**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Sharon held at the Township Hall on the 2nd day of April, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Patricia Farmer, Chelsea Mikel, Peter Psaroutnakis
Brian Simons, Kathy Spiegel

ABSENT: n/a

Motion by Trustee Spiegel, seconded by Trustee Mikel, that the following Resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, the Township of Sharon desires to maintain its long tradition of protecting the natural resources and environment within its borders and promoting compatible land uses; and

WHEREAS, an increased interest in oil and gas operations and other mineral leasing activity has been noted within Sharon Township and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Township has not previously been faced with the prospect of significant oil and gas exploration activity and the Township Zoning Ordinance and other ordinances may not satisfactorily control and regulate such activities; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act provides for some limitations on the Township's ability to regulate the exploration and extraction of natural resources within the Township; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow the Township an opportunity to investigate and develop appropriate regulations upon those aspects of oil and gas operations which the Township is authorized to regulate, it is in the public interest to adopt a moratorium upon the issuance of any permits or approvals by the Township for oil and gas related activities.

BE IT RESOLVED that effective upon adoption of this Resolution, and continuing for an initial period of twelve (12) months thereafter, a moratorium is hereby established on the consideration, review, or action by any and all Township boards, commissions, officials, employees and/or agents with regard to any applications, proposals, requests for zoning approval, or other permits, or similar review and approval by the Township, of any oil and gas well, or facilities or operations ancillary to the operation of such wells which are subject to Township regulation, and that during the moratorium period, no

drilling operation, including completion, production and other related or ancillary activities or operations, shall be allowed in the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of the moratorium established by this Resolution, an aggrieved property owner or business petitioner may request a hearing before the Township Board for the purpose of attempting to demonstrate that the moratorium will preclude all viable economic use of their property or otherwise violate applicable provisions of state or federal law. A hearing shall be requested in a written submittal to the Township Clerk that describes the grounds for the request and it will be scheduled for a regular Township Board meeting. Upon the conclusion of a hearing, the Township Board shall determine whether the Petitioner has made the required demonstration and, if so, shall grant relief from the moratorium to the extent necessary to cure the above effect or violation.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: Ø

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

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CHELSEA MIKEL, Sharon Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)

I, Chelsea Mikel, the duly qualified Clerk of the Township of Sharon, Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Sharon on the 2nd day of April, 2015, the original of which is in my office.

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CHELSEA MIKEL, Sharon Township Clerk