

A Resolution

NO. _____

REQUESTING THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO REVIEW ITS REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BARNETT SHALE OIL AND GAS FACILITIES IN ORDER TO ATTAIN FEDERAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS THROUGH THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS the Dallas-Fort Worth non-attainment area for ozone pollution has failed to meet the 1997 federal ozone standard of 85 parts per billion and has been classified as a “serious” non-attainment area under the federal Clean Air Act;

WHEREAS the public has raised concerns about the incremental levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) associated with natural gas development, production, and operation;

WHEREAS the City of Fort Worth has taken measures through its gas drilling ordinance to control the environmental impacts associated with natural gas exploration within its jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS the North Central Texas Council of Governments through both the North Texas Clean Air Steering Committee and its Oil and Gas Task Force have sent a letter to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requesting a review of the oil and gas industry regulations in connection with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) update process, which is scheduled to begin on June 8, 2011;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:**

1.

The City of Fort Worth requests TCEQ to review its regulations pertaining to Barnett Shale oil and gas facilities in order to attain federal air quality standards through the State Implementation Plan



2.

The City of Fort Worth requests TCEQ to consider making certain air quality regulations pertaining to the storage of VOCs (i.e. 30 TAC Chapter 115, Subchapter B, Division 1) applicable within the Dallas-Fort Worth non-attainment area so as to require 95 percent control of VOC flash emissions at sites with more than 15 tons per year of VOC emissions.

3.

The City of Fort Worth requests TCEQ to recognize certain best practices (i.e. green completions, vapor recovery units, plunger lifts, and low-bleed pneumatic valves), which many gas drilling companies already employ.

4.

The City of Fort Worth reaffirms its commitment to work with residents of Fort Worth, TCEQ, the Texas Railroad Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the natural gas industry to protect the quality of life in Fort Worth.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2011.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Marty Hendrix, City Secretary

