

**BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2361**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS CALLING UPON THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN
COMMISSION TO ENACT A BAN ON NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT,
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN.**

BE IT RESOLVED, this 28th day of February, 2018, that the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania at a duly called advertised and convened regular meeting, hereby finds:

WHEREAS, there is scientific uncertainty on the effect of shale gas drilling and/or hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") and its potential adverse impacts on water, air, and human health; and

WHEREAS, neither Pennsylvania nor the Delaware River Basin Commission has conducted a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative and long-term impacts of fracking and related shale gas development activities on the water resources of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission ("DRBC") has in place a moratorium that currently prohibits all natural gas development, including drilling, fracking, wastewater processing and discharges from and water withdrawals for drilling and fracking operations, throughout the Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, DRBC is actively considering draft regulations that include the possibility of "prohibitions related to the production of natural gas utilizing horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing within the Basin", but also the allowance for "...storage, treatment, disposal and/or discharge of wastewater within the basin associated with horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing for the production of natural gas where permitted" and "...the inter-basin transfer of water and wastewater for purposes of natural gas development where permitted; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham Township considers that insufficient study has been done to establish that shale gas development and its operations can be done safely and/or without degrading the exceptional water quality of the Delaware River and tributary streams;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors, that Buckingham Township calls upon DRBC to enact a ban on natural gas development and hydraulic fracturing and all related activities (including drilling, fracking, wastewater processing and discharges from and water withdrawals for drilling and fracking operations) throughout the Basin unless and until a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative and long-term impacts of such activities establishes such activities can be done safely and/or without degrading the exceptional water quality of the Delaware River, its basin and tributary streams. The Township administration is empowered to forward a copy of this resolution be filed with DRBC.

ENACTED AND RESOLVED this 28th day of February, 2018.

BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Maggie Rash, Chairperson


Paul Calderaio, Vice Chairman


Jon Forest

ATTEST:


Dana Cozza, Township Manager