

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2017-17
SUPPORTING SB 740 (HB 1325) OIL AND NATURAL GAS –
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROHIBITION**

WHEREAS, there has been a Maryland moratorium on the issuance of permits for hydraulic fracturing (fracking) of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas until October 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, SB 740 (HB 1325) would expand the definition of hydraulic fracturing and prohibit the practice in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned about the environmental and public health effects that result from hydraulic fracturing; and

WHEREAS, the Council is also concerned about expansion of the production of fossil fuels and the resulting greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK supports a prohibition on the practice of hydraulic fracturing in Maryland.

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2017.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk