

RESOLUTION 360

“A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISBURG WEST VIRGINIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING CONCERN TO THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE ABOUT HYDRAULIC FRACKING WITHIN THE MARCELLUS SHALE DEPOSITS IN WEST VIRGINIA.”

WHEREAS: state regulations governing Marcellus Shale development in West Virginia are inadequate to protect the water resources of West Virginia including the Greenbrier River watershed, the source of water for the Lewisburg water system, and its 4732 customers; and

WHEREAS: state regulations do not adequately regulate the amount of water that can be withdrawn from aquifers and public bodies of water by Marcellus Shale development companies in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS: state regulations currently do not adequately protect public water systems, including the City of Lewisburg water system, from contamination from liquid byproducts of hydraulic fracking technologies being released into public bodies of water; and

WHEREAS: there is inadequate funding provided to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to employ a sufficient number of inspectors on staff to adequately monitor Marcellus Shale development while at the same time performing their other monitoring duties; and

WHEREAS: the West Virginia Legislature failed to act in its 2011 regular session to safely and effectively guide the development of Marcellus Shale in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS: by this resolution the Council of the City of Lewisburg expresses concern with the status of the State’s regulation of Marcellus Shale development and encourages the Governor to call a special session of the legislature to address this issue in a timely fashion; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Lewisburg, West Virginia;

That no additional permits for horizontal drilling in the Marcellus Shale be issued within the State of West Virginia until adequate regulations are promulgated that protect public water supplies from Marcellus Shale development.

That a copy of this Resolution shall be spread upon the official minutes of the City Council; and

On motion made by Council member Etten and seconded by Council Member Evans the City Council of Lewisburg, West Virginia, does hereby approve and authorize the adoption of said Resolution to become effective immediately.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

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John Manchester, Mayor

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF GREENBRIER,  
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, To-wit:

Attest:

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Shannon Ninnemann, CMC, Recorder