

**TOWNSHIP OF COURTLAND
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Courtland, held at the Township Hall, on the 5th day of June, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Krygier, McIntyre, Porter

ABSENT: Davis

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Krygier and seconded by Andersen:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the 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:

"A county or township shall not regulate or control the drilling, completion, or operation of oil or gas wells or other wells drilled for oil and gas exploration purposes, and shall not have jurisdiction with reference to the issuance of permits for the location, drilling, completion, operation, or abandonment of such wells"; and

WHEREAS, certain aspects of oil and gas operations remain subject to Township regulation; 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 permits by the Township for oil and gas activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That effective upon adoption of this Resolution, and continuing for an initial period of six (6) months thereafter, a moratorium is hereby established on the consideration, review, or action by all Township boards, commissions, officials, employees and/or agents on applications, proposals, requests for zoning approval, zoning 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.

2. This moratorium is not intended to infringe upon the jurisdiction reserved to state or federal agencies which have exclusive jurisdiction over such subjects.

3. The Township shall proceed promptly to investigate and consider appropriate regulations upon oil and gas activities within the Township.

4. In appropriate cases, upon showing of undue hardship or unnecessary difficulty, the Township Board may grant waivers from this moratorium during its term.

YEAS: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Krygier, McIntyre, Porter

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Davis,

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


Marilynn Crosby, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.


Marilynn Crosby, Clerk