

## TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

## MORATORIUM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Township desires to maintain its long tradition of protecting the natural resources and the environment within its borders

WHEREAS the State has auctioned off mineral rights it possessed within the Township borders leading to a concern regarding adverse impacts resulting from uncontrolled exploration and extraction activities within the Township by those who purchase these mineral rights.

WHEREAS the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act provides for some limitations on the Township's ability to regulate the exploration and extraction of natural resources within the Township.

WHEREAS time to fully explore the potential irreparable harm to the natural resources and environment in the Township is required to consider, draft and adopt effective regulation of natural resource extraction within the Township is required, now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that effective September 1, 2012 for a period of six (6) months, through February 28, 2013, a moratorium is hereby established on the consideration, review or action by all Township entities, officials, employees and/or agents on applications, proposals, requests, permits, approvals, zoning compliance or certificates regarding drilling operations in the Township that might be proposed or presented to the Township, and that during the moratorium period, no drilling operation shall be allowed in the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of the moratorium established by this Resolution, an aggrieved property owner or business petitioner may request and be entitled to a hearing before the Township Board for the purpose of attempting to demonstrate that the moratorium will preclude all viable economic use of their property or otherwise violate applicable provisions of state or federal law. A hearing shall be requested in writing to the Township Clerk that describes the grounds for the request and will be scheduled for the next regular Township Board meeting. Upon concluding a hearing, the Township Board shall determine whether the petitioner has made the required demonstration, and if so, shall grant relief from the moratorium.

Motion by Supervisor Economou Ureste, seconded by Clerk Shaughnessy, that the above Resolution be adopted.

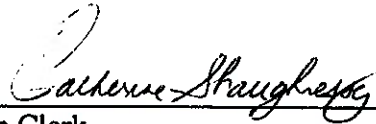
**AYES:** Economou Ureste, Shaughnessy, Weingarden, Brown, Farber, Kaplan, Rosenberg

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND    )

I, Catherine Shaughnessy, the duly qualified Clerk of the Township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of West Bloomfield on the 20th day of August 2012, the original of which is in my office.

  
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Township Clerk