

RESOLUTION 2015-098  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ONGOING COLORADO OIL  
AND GAS COMMISSION RULEMAKING RELATED TO THE GOVERNOR'S OIL  
AND GAS TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS 17 AND 20 ENDORSING AND  
ADOPTING THE PREHEARING STATEMENT PREPARED BY CITY STAFF

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2014, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper issued Executive Order B2014-005, creating a task force on state and local regulation of oil and gas operations (the "Governor's Oil and Gas Task Force"), which task force consisted of 21 representatives from local government, civic organizations, environmental interests, agriculture, and affected industries; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2015, the Governor's Oil and Gas Task Force forwarded its report to the Governor, including nine Recommendations, two of which, Recommendations 17 and 20, were intended to facilitate greater collaboration and information sharing between oil and gas operators and local governments, to be instituted through the adoption of regulations by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"); and

WHEREAS, Recommendation 17 directs the COGCC to create rules to address local government collaboration with oil and gas operators regarding locations for large scale oil and gas facilities in Urban Mitigation Areas; and

WHEREAS, Recommendation 20 directs the COGCC to require oil and gas operators registered with the COGCC to also register with the LGD of each municipality where it has current or planned oil and gas operations and to submit information regarding such existing and planned operations; and

WHEREAS, the COGCC has initiated its rulemaking process to create rules as directed by Recommendations 17 and 20, and has scheduled hearings to consider proposed rules for adoption to take place before the COGCC on November 16 and 17; and

WHEREAS, staff to the COGCC has published draft rules for consideration by the COGCC at the rulemaking hearings; and

WHEREAS, in response to community concern regarding the potential environmental, health and safety impacts of oil and gas development and other related activities, the Council's adopted Legislative Policy Agenda identifies greater local regulation of oil and gas activities within the municipality as a legislative policy objective of the City; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the proposed COGCC rule and has prepared a prehearing statement for submission to the COGCC setting forth the City's position on the rules and requesting certain changes, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference (the "City Prehearing Statement").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Council hereby endorses the City Prehearing Statement, and directs City staff to represent the City's interests during the COGCC rulemaking process and at proceedings by the COGCC related to the proposed rules.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of November, A.D. 2015.



  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk