

**TOWN OF NEDERLAND
Boulder County, Colorado**

RESOLUTION 2013 - 04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND
DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF LONGMONT AND FORT
COLLINS IN THE ADOPTION, ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENSE OF THEIR
RESPECTIVE ANTI-FRACKING REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, at an election conducted on November 6, 2012, the voters of Longmont, Colorado, voted to approve an amendment to the City's Home Rule Charter that prohibits, within the City, the use of hydraulic fracturing to extract oil, gas and other hydrocarbons (commonly known as "fracking") and the open-pit storage and disposal of solid and liquid wastes created in connection with fracking; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2013, the City Council of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, adopted Ordinance No. 032, 2013, amending the Ft. Collins Municipal Code to prohibit fracking and the open-pit storage of fracking waste within the City, making certain exceptions for oil and gas operators with sites existing in the City as of February 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, expressions in support of these bans in each of the above-named communities included concerns about the potentially-adverse impacts that fracking and the open-pit storage of its waste products may have on the health, safety and welfare of the community in which such activity occurs, including but not limited to the degradation of air quality, water quality, ecosystem stability and viability, and loss of scenic views, recreational opportunities and tranquility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longmont has been sued by the Colorado Oil and Gas Association in response to its fracking ban; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins adopted its fracking ban in the face of threats of a similar lawsuit from the COGA and the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Nederland ("Board") finds that the concerns stated in support of the bans in each of these communities are legitimate and that the long-term effects of fracking and the open-pit storage of its waste on the community in which such activities are located is not definitively known; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that the protection and preservation of natural resources is a strongly and widely-held value and priority in Nederland, as expressed by *Envision Nederland 2020* and the Board's continuing and demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship, including the adoption of a zero-waste goal for all events in Town and choices made in the design of the new Town wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nederland has consciously made efforts to reduce the municipality's gas consumption through implementation of energy conservation measure within their facilities and is committed to continued reduction on our dependence of non-renewable energy sources.

WHEREAS, given the synergy between the Town's environmental values and those values served, at least in part, by the anti-fracking bans adopted by Longmont and Fort Collins, the Board finds it desirable and appropriate to express its support of these cities in the adoption, administration and defense of their respective bans on fracking and its associated activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO:

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Nederland hereby declares its support for the citizens, elected officials and communities of Longmont and Fort Collins in the adoption, administration and defense of each community's respective anti-fracking regulations, and further declares its opposition to the practice of fracking in general.

RESOLVED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of April, 2013.

TOWN OF NEDERLAND

By: 
Joe Gierlach, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michele Martin, Town Clerk

