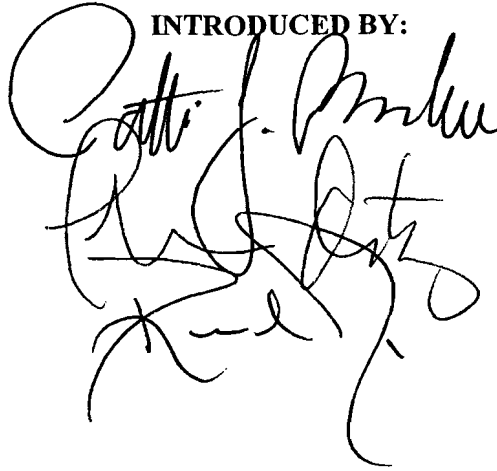


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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-24

INTRODUCED BY:



A RESOLUTION

**OPPOSING OIL AND GAS EXPLOITATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND
SANTA FE COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe has learned that at least one oil and gas exploration concern has acquired more than 60,000 acres of mineral rights in Santa Fe County and indicated to the offices and citizens of Santa Fe County its intent to initiate large-scale drilling operations in the Galisteo Basin; and

WHEREAS, there are, in other United States cities and counties, ample and highly disturbing examples of the catastrophic impact of oil and gas exploitation on the natural environment, on the purity of surface and subterranean water resources, on air quality, on municipal infrastructures including roadways and highways, and on the social fabric of the communities themselves as evidenced by increased illegal-drug use resulting in burgeoning crime rates; and

WHEREAS, the technologies announced by the oil and gas exploration concern for use in the Galisteo Basin include the practice of high-pressure injection of thousands of gallons of

1 water, sand, and yet-to-be-determined chemicals into the wells to free the, as yet unknown
2 quantities of oil and gas trapped in shale deposits (known as “fracking”), a procedure that both
3 employs massive quantities of our most precious natural resource, water, and has a high
4 probability of serious damage to the delicate ecological balance of the Galisteo Basin; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe prides itself on, and is economically dependent upon,
6 the beauty and historical significance of the region both within and beyond its city limits, not just
7 as an historical repository of known, and yet to be discovered, cultural and religious sites and
8 treasures but also as a highly varied landscape of breathtaking beauty; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the geological research conducted and published by the oil drilling concern,
10 Tecton, suggests that the areas, in which significant oil deposits are likely, includes
11 approximately half of the City of Santa Fe.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body:

- 14 A. Stands firmly opposed to oil and gas exploitation in Santa Fe County;
- 15 B. Steadfastly supports the County of Santa Fe as it takes the steps necessary to
16 protect and preserve our broader community from the environmental, social, and aesthetic
17 damage concomitant with mineral exploitation;
- 18 C. Calls upon the Governor and the State of New Mexico to continue their laudable
19 efforts to protect this County’s environmental and economic well-being by initiating a
20 comprehensive study of the ecological and hydrological impact of “fracking” in the Galisteo
21 Basin and other areas of Santa Fe County;
- 22 D. Instructs the City Attorney to begin the process of drafting a City Ordinance
23 regulating exploration for and exploitation of oil and gas deposits within the City;
- 24 E. Instructs the City Attorney to begin the process of determining ownership of the
25 subsurface mineral rights of all City owned property, particularly those parcels inside the areas

1 geologically determined to be probably sources of oil and gas deposits; and

2 F. Directs staff to coordinate with the County to the greatest extent possible to
3 minimize duplication of efforts.

4 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2008.

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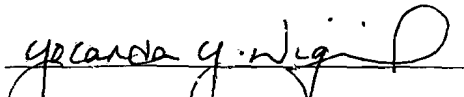
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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13 VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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18 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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