

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RESIDENTS IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER: TABATHA TAYLOR**

**WHEREAS**, City of Shreveport, District A citizens, particularly those in the Martin Luther King Community, are experiencing nuisances and inconveniences as a result of drilling and fracking; and

**WHEREAS**, several of these citizens are not lessors and thus had no input into the circumstances with which they must currently contend; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens who are lessors were not fully informed of the hazardous conditions surrounding drilling and fracking; and

**WHEREAS**, nuisances such as dust and noise pollution are causing health problems and loss of quality of life for these citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the issues to be addressed in these public meetings and hearings are as follows:

- a. Meetings between citizens and drilling companies prior to the commencement of operations.
- b. Noise and dust mitigation efforts by drilling companies.
- c. Making oil and gas leases clearer.
- d. Drilling companies providing adequate contact information for citizens.
- e. Facilitating resolution of property damage issues between citizens and drilling companies without the need for legal action.
- f. Eliminating disparities in drilling companies' treatment of citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the City Council does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation to hold public meetings and

if necessary, public hearings, with citizens residing in the City of Shreveport, District A, Martin Luther King Community, regarding these nuisances as soon as possible.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council urges and requests the Department of Natural Resources to enact a six-month moratorium on drilling and fracking within District A of the City of Shreveport, until a resolution to the nuisance issues can be reached.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation Commissioner.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or application of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared servable; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office