

Resolution No. 6528

A Resolution in Support of State-wide Efforts to Study and Mitigate Effects of Frac Sand Mining

WHEREAS, the City of Red Wing established an Interim Moratorium Ordinance on the issuance of permits for the establishment of Silica/Frac Sand Mining Operations on October 10, 2011 in order to study the matter and consider changes to the Red Wing City Zoning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of the Interim Moratorium Ordinance on October 12, 2012, the City Council adopted a report completed by the Red Wing Advisory Planning Commission and the Red Wing Sustainability Commission and this report included a statement that: "there is almost no information available about health hazards related to casual or ambient exposure to silica sand particulate", and

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed an interest in working with Goodhue County and surrounding townships in order to establish consistent regulations that apply to Silica/Frac Sand Mining Operations because new operations in the Red Wing region could have major impacts on Red Wing residents because of transportation routes and potential processing plant operations that may develop in and near Red Wing, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain strong local control in addition to a statewide standards in order to protect the entire region around Red Wing in reference to the Frac/Sand Mining Operations.

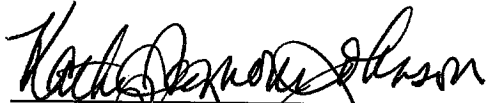
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Red Wing is in support of a State-wide Study related to Silica Sand Mining Operations that has the following key elements:

1. Strong state-level permitting requirements and fees that will establish a minimum level of state-wide regulation that a local unit of government may exceed.
2. A state-wide moratorium that will allow time for the State to complete an in-depth study of the issues including health impacts.
3. A state-wide study, such as a Generic Environmental Impact Statement that would help to set state permitting standards and analyze potential impacts of the industry.



Lisa Pritchard Bayley, Council President

ATTEST:



Kathy Seymour Johnson, MCMC
City Clerk

(seal)

Presented to the Mayor at _____ p.m. on this 11th day of February
2013.

Approved this 11th day of February 2013.

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Dennis Egan, Mayor