

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ SUPPLEMENTAL  
AMENDING CHAPTER 171 OIL AND GAS DRILLING, ARTICLE I. - PROHIBITION OF WASTES  
GENERATED FROM OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT** Chapter 171, Oil and Gas Drilling, Article I, of the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 171. - OIL AND GAS DRILLING**

**ARTICLE I. - PROHIBITION OF WASTES GENERATED FROM OIL & GAS DRILLING AND EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES**

**Sec. 171-1. - Purpose.**

The prohibition of waste generated from drilling and extraction activities of natural gas and oil is hereby declared necessary for the protection of the health, safety, welfare and property of the residents of the City of Stamford pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes that pertain in any way to the protection of health, safety, welfare and property, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**Sec. 171-2. - Definitions.**

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, and words shall have the meanings given here, unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context:

- a) *"Hydraulic fracturing"* shall mean the fracturing of underground rock formations, including shale and non-shale formations, by manmade fluid-driven techniques for the purpose of stimulating oil, natural gas, or other subsurface hydrocarbon production.
- b) *"Natural gas extraction activities"* shall mean all geologic or geophysical activities related to the exploration for or extraction of natural gas, including, but not limited to, core and rotary drilling and hydraulic fracturing.
- c) *"Oil extraction activities"* shall mean all geologic or geophysical activities related to the exploration for or extraction of oil, including, but not limited, to, core and rotary drilling and hydraulic fracturing.
- d) *"Natural gas waste"* shall mean: 1) any liquid or solid waste or its constituents that is generated as a result of natural gas extraction activities, which may consist of water, brine, chemicals, naturally occurring radioactive materials, heavy metals, or other contaminants; 2) leachate from solid wastes associated with natural gas extraction activities; 3) any waste that is generated as a result of or in association with the underground storage of natural gas; 4) any waste that is generated as a result of or in association with liquefied petroleum gas well storage operations; and 5) any products or byproducts resulting from the treatment, processing, or modification of any of the above wastes.
- e) *"Oil waste"* shall mean: 1) any liquid or solid waste or its constituents that is generated as a result of oil extraction activities, which may consist of water, brine, chemicals, naturally occurring radioactive materials, heavy metals, or other contaminants; 2) leachate from solid wastes associated with oil extraction activities; and 3) any products or byproducts resulting from the treatment, processing, or modification of any of the above wastes.
- f) *"Application"* shall mean the physical act of placing or spreading natural gas waste or oil waste on any road or real property located within the City of Stamford.

**Sec. 171-3. - Prohibitions.**

- A. The application of natural gas waste or oil waste, whether or not such waste has received Beneficial Use Determination or other approval for use by DEEP (Department of Energy & Environmental Protection) or any other regulatory body, on any road or real property located within the City for any purpose is prohibited.

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- B. The introduction of natural gas waste or oil waste into any wastewater treatment facility within or operated by the City is prohibited.
- C. The introduction of natural gas waste or oil waste into any solid waste management facility within or operated by the City is prohibited.
- D. The storage, disposal, sale, acquisition, transfer, handling, treatment and/or processing of waste from natural gas or oil extraction is prohibited within the City.

### **Sec. 171-4. - Provision to be included in bids and contracts related to the construction or maintenance of publicly owned and/or maintained roads or real property within the City.**

- A. All bids and contracts related to the retention of services to construct or maintain any publicly owned and/or maintained road or real property within the City shall include a provision stating that no materials containing natural gas or oil waste shall be utilized in providing such a service.
- B. All bids and contracts related to the purchase or acquisition of materials to be used to construct or maintain any publicly owned and/or maintained road or real property within the City shall include a provision stating that no materials containing natural gas or oil waste shall be provided to the City.
- C. The following statement, which shall be a sworn statement under penalty of perjury, shall be included in all bids related to the purchase or acquisition of materials to be used to construct or maintain any publicly owned and/or maintained road or real property within the City and all bids related to the retention of services to construct or maintain any publicly owned and/or maintained road or real property within the City: "We \_\_\_\_\_ hereby submit a bid for materials, equipment and/or labor for the City of Stamford. The bid is for bid documents titled \_\_\_\_\_ . We hereby certify under penalty of perjury that to the best of our knowledge and after diligent inquiry, no natural gas waste or oil waste will be used by the undersigned bidder or any contractor, sub-contractor, agent or vendor agent in connection with the bid; nor will the undersigned bidder or any sub-contractor, agent or vendor agent thereof apply any natural gas waste or oil waste to any road or real property within the City of Stamford as a result of the submittal of this bid if selected."

### **Sec. 171-5. - Penalties.**

This ordinance shall apply to any and all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this ordinance. In response to a violation of this ordinance, the City of Stamford is empowered to a) issue "Cease and Desist" orders demanding abatement of the violation; b) seek any appropriate legal relief, including immediate injunctive relief, as a result of any violation of this ordinance; c) file a complaint with any other proper authority; and d) require remediation of any damage done to any land, road, building, aquifer, well, watercourse, air quality or other asset, be it public or private, within the City of Stamford. The City of Stamford may recoup from the offending person(s), jointly and severally, all costs, including experts, consultants and reasonable attorney's fees, that it incurs as a result of having to prosecute or remediate any infraction of this ordinance. For any violation of this ordinance, the City of Stamford may also impose fines in the amount of \$250 per violation per day, or such other amount as is allowed by law, and seek any other remedies allowable under the law.

### **Sec. 171-6. - Enforcement.**

The Mayor of the City of Stamford, or any City official designated by the Mayor, is authorized to pursue penalties against any person(s) who commits violations of this ordinance. The involvement of any Stamford officials will not require testing of waste products to determine chemical contents. Such officials may engage the assistance of DEEP or third party testing facilities to determine the chemical contents of any waste products suspected to violate the terms of this ordinance.

### **Sec. 171-7. - Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this ordinance or in its application to the

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person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered. To further this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

### **Sec. 171-8. - Conflicts with other Ordinances or Codes.**

In any case where a provision of this ordinance is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance or code of the City of Stamford, the provision that establishes the higher standard for the protection of the health, safety, welfare and property of the residents of the City of Stamford shall prevail. In any case where a provision of this ordinance is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance or code of the City of Stamford, which other ordinance or code establishes a lower standard for the protection of the health, safety, welfare and property of the residents of the City of Stamford, the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to prevail, and such other ordinances or codes are hereby declared to be repealed to the extent that they may be found in conflict with this ordinance.

### **Sec. 171-9. - Transportation.**

Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted to ban the transportation of any product or by-product described herein on any roadway or real property within the City of Stamford.

### **Sec. 171-10. - Exclusions.**

Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted to ban financial transactions, natural gas and natural gas liquids and byproducts made from natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products, waste derived from the refinement of petroleum such as tar, emulsions derived from petroleum which is extracted or removed from oil waste, recycled metals from decommissioned drilling rigs and pipes, or used motor oil.