

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A MORATORIUM
CONDUCTING DEEP INJECTION WASTE WELLS IN THE
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, OHIO PENDING THE
ISSUANCE OF A REPORT BY THE FEDERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Village of Crestline of Crawford County, Ohio recognizes that water is essential for life, property, sustainability and health of Ohio cities, villages and townships, and

WHEREAS, the process known as "deep injection waste wells" used to deposit brine/chemicals waste under extreme pressure in wells several thousands of feet in the earth can potentially pollute water aquifers and potentially trigger earthquake activity, and

WHEREAS, the fluids used in this process contain chemicals, the identity of which often remains unknown, and

WHEREAS, the broken or cracked vertical well casings may release toxic fluids near the surface of the ground, and

WHEREAS, risk are posed by the storage of the fluid in above ground facilities, and

WHEREAS, all aspects of this process may pose a risk of contamination of the ground water and aquifers, and

WHEREAS, local government entities have a legitimate interest through zoning regulations in the protection of their aquifers and ground water sources, and

WHEREAS, the trucking in and out of mass quantities of brine/chemicals and fluids for this process poses significant risk of damage to county roadways, and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Legislature has vested complete authority over the permitting, location and spacing of deep well injection waste wells and production operations within the State in the Division of Mineral Resource Management, leaving local governments with no discretion or regulatory control over deep injection waste wells within their boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Crestline, Ohio:

SECTION 1 Ohio calls on the Governor and the Ohio Legislature to place a moratorium (or enact a ban) on deep injection waste wells until an adequate environmental study is completed showing that the use of deep injection waste wells is safe and will not impact local water supplies within the State of Ohio, and until adequate mitigation regulations and facilities are in place to adequately protect Ohio's water supply and environment from such operations, and calls on the United States Congress to enact laws to eliminate the exemption of deep injection wells from federal regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

SECTION 2 The Clerk of Council of the Village of Crestline, Crawford County, Ohio is hereby authorized and directed to forward a duly attested copy of this resolution to the office of John Kasick, Governor of the State of Ohio, the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate.

SECTION 3 That it is hereby determined that this resolution is an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of residents in this Village and for the further protect the water source provided to the residents of the Village of Crestline and this resolution shall therefore go into immediate effect provided it receives a two thirds (2/3) vote of all members elected to Council.

DATE: _____

Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

David Sharrock, Mayor

Attest:

Annette Johnston, Clerk of Council

Approved as to form:

Jon Burton, Law Director