

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-279

First Reading Passage Requested

(J. Dodson)

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE July 6, 2015

COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution opposing the passage of Ohio House Bill 8, which imposes the threat of oil and**
8 **gas drilling on Metro Parks, county parks, and city parks across the State of Ohio, for the**
9 **Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, currently, the Ohio Division of Natural Resources has the authority to force
12 property owners to give land to complete the required number of acreage for a drilling unit; and

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14 WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 8 has granted an exception to State parks and state nature
15 preserves, thus prohibiting them from being compelled to lease land to complete the required
16 acreage for a drilling unit, while at the same time not granting this exception to Metro Parks,
17 county parks, or city parks; and

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19 WHEREAS, the absence of this exception being granted to Metro Parks, county parks, or
20 city parks, leaves these entities under the threat of being compelled to lease land for the drilling
21 of oil and gas without consent or process; and

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23 WHEREAS, this Council believes that every resident of Summit County has the right to
24 enjoy public parks without the negative environmental impact that oil and gas drilling impose
25 without consent or process; and

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27 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
28 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to oppose the passage of
29 Ohio House Bill 8, which imposes the threat of oil and gas drilling on Metro Parks, county parks,
30 and city parks.

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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
33 State of Ohio, that:

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35 SECTION 1

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37 This Council opposes the passage of Ohio House Bill 8, which imposes the threat of oil
38 and gas drilling on Metro Parks, county parks, and city parks across the state.

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40 SECTION 2

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42 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
43 Resolution to the Governor of Ohio and to the Summit County delegation of the Ohio General
44 Assembly.

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46 SECTION 3

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48 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
49 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
50 expressing opposition to the passage of Ohio House Bill 8 before it is voted on in the Ohio State
51 Senate.
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4 SECTION 4

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6 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
7 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
8 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.
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11 SECTION 5

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13 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
14 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
15 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
16 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
17 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Codes.
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20 INTRODUCED July 6, 2015

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22 ADOPTED July 6, 2015

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26 CLERK OF COUNCIL


27 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

28 APPROVED July 7, 2015

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32 EXECUTIVE

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34 ENACTED EFFECTIVE July 7, 2015

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Donofrio, Feeman, Kostandaras,
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro