

Resolution No. 1-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA OPPOSING ANY AMENDMENT TO ACT 13 OF 2012 THAT WOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT OR ALLOCATION OF UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL FEES, "ACT 13 IMPACT FEE" TO MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED BY GAS EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES.

Whereas, the legislation adopted as Act 13 of 2012 established an unconventional gas well fee commonly referred to as Act 13 Impact Fees; and

Whereas, distribution of the Impact Fees collected is made as set forth in Act 13 with funds being provided for conservation districts, PA Fish and Boat Commission and to fund various other Commonwealth initiatives including a fund for enforcement of Acts relating to clean air and clean water; and

Whereas, 37% of the Impact Fees, remaining after funding of Commonwealth programs, are distributed to municipalities that are impacted by gas exploration activities; and

Whereas, the Impact Fees distributed to Townships that are impacted by gas exploration activities are available to locally elected Township officials to fund various projects as determined by locally elected Township officials; and

Whereas, locally elected Township officials are in the best position to determine the best interests of the residents in municipalities that are affected by gas exploration; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania General Assembly is considering passing legislation amending Act 13 to reduce the amount of Impact Fees distributed to Townships affected by gas exploration activities thus taking those funds away from affected Townships and local control.

Now, therefore the following is hereby resolved:

Section 1:

The Washington County Association of Township Officials hereby opposes any amendment to Act 13 of 2012 that would reduce the amount or allocation of Act 13 Impact Fees paid to Townships affected by gas exploration activities.

Resolved and adopted this 18th day of September, 2014.

ATTEST:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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