

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 10781-18  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY OIL & GAS LEASE REGISTRY ORDINACE

*Resolution 2019-21*

**Whereas**, the Municipality of South Fayette Township, situated within the County of Allegheny, is well aware of the potential for the development of oil and gas within Allegheny County. As such, municipalities have clear, crucial, responsibilities in managing the development of oil and gas pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code ("MPC") and recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court decisions; and,

**Whereas**, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ruled that municipal governments are the ultimate authority as *where* all types of land uses occur within their bounds, including, but not limited to oil and gas extraction, and other such industrial land uses; and,

**Whereas**, in order to fulfill of our legal obligations to develop a state mandated comprehensive plan, and to enact zoning ordinances that effectuate that plan, it is critically important for municipalities to know where lands have been leased for the extraction of oil and gas; and,

**Whereas**, we now find that we cannot reasonably access information from the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate's Deeds office that would assist policymakers in determining if lands within South Fayette Township have been leased for oil and gas extraction. Since 2010, the Deed registry office has failed to provide the parcel identification number for properties, thereby preventing municipal governments to determine if any land within their jurisdiction has been leased. The absence of this critical information prevents municipalities and residents alike from fully understanding or planning for any actual or potential land use impacts; and,

**Whereas**, on September 25, 2018, Allegheny County Member Anita Prizio, (District 3) has introduced a bill 10781-18 that would create the Allegheny County Oil & Gas Lease Registry. If enacted, all would persons would have access to this information.

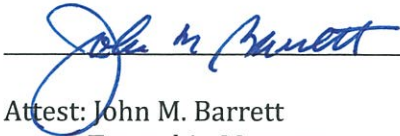
***Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners of South Fayette Township Does Hereby Enact This Resolution as Follows:***

The Commissioners of South Fayette Township does hereby convey its support to the Council of Allegheny County for the creation of the Allegheny County Oil & Gas Lease Registry, as set forth in Allegheny County Council Bill Number 10781-18.

Furthermore, the Board of Commissioners of South Fayette Township does hereby find that the creation of the Allegheny County Oil & Gas Lease Registry would enhance the ability of the municipality to appropriately execute its lawful planning and land use functions, while furthering its public policy goal to promote transparency in the people's institutions of government, and effective governance.

Enacted this 11 day of September 2019

  
Raymond Pitetti  
Board President

  
Attest: John M. Barrett  
Township Manager