

**RESOLUTION 17 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

URGE AND REQUEST THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF OIL AND GAS DRILLING IN OR NEAR URBAN AREAS, TO IMPLEMENT RULES COMBATING THOSE NEGATIVE IMPACTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there has been a surge in Haynesville Shale drilling within Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, more wells are being drilled in or near populous urban areas; and

WHEREAS, such drilling is causing a disruption to and diminution of the quality of life for citizens of those areas; and

WHEREAS, more stringent drilling regulations are needed to allow the citizens to peacefully co-exist with this increased drilling activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does urge and request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to consider implementing to consider implementing and enforcing the following changes for the regulation of horizontal drilling within the State of Louisiana, within the Haynesville Shale drilling area:

1. Well heads shall be placed a minimum of 1,000-1,500 feet from all areas of the property lines of the property upon which a well is drilled.
2. All horizontal drilling pads shall be required to have sound suppression system installed.
3. All entrance roads to drilling sites shall be overlaid with mitigating products as needed to eliminate or minimize dust.
4. No fracking or noise generating activities shall be allowed between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am near organized subdivisions within two (2) miles of a drill site.
5. Drilling companies shall meet with residents within the communities surrounding the drilling site, prior to commencing drilling operations and inform citizens of what to expect during drilling activities.
6. All transmission and distribution pipelines, compressor sites, relief valves located near and in residential neighborhoods shall be prominently identified, labeled with product content.
7. Emergency phone numbers for drilling companies shall be highly visible and posted at the entrance of all drilling sites. Phone lines shall be staffed with personnel to monitor all calls in real time at all times.
8. Drilling companies that are authorized and permitted for their operations in Caddo Parish shall contact the appropriate designated parish department and provide the following information:
  - a. Name of drilling company

- b. Location of well site/name of well site
  - c. Address of home office
  - d. Contact phone number at well site.
  - e. Contact phone number of home office
  - f. Projected date to start drilling
  - g. Projected date to end drilling
9. All trucks that are supplying resources to support the drilling operations, shall be display the proper DOTD codes or names of the items that they are transporting. This includes, solids, liquids, etc. (waste water, drilling fluids, machine and vehicle maintenance Fluids)
10. All drillers shall be required to present a restorative plan for the trees, shrubs, and natural habitat for animals, that have been displaced because of clearing entrance roads, and drill pad sites. The drilling companies must begin implementation of such plans within ninety days after drilling activity ends at a well site.
11. Drilling companies that are authorized and permitted for their operations in Caddo Parish shall post a \$100,000.00 bond to mitigate any claims by citizens against the drilling company, and shall agree to settle all such claims via arbitration. Arbitrators shall be chosen on a rotating basis from a list of certified arbitrators located in Caddo Parish.
12. Upon completion of drilling activity on a well site, drilling companies shall install seismometers in strategic locations around the well site, record readings and monitor them for a two-year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to DNR Secretary Thomas Harris, Governor John Bel Edwards and to the Caddo Parish Legislative Delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Approved as to legal form:**

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**Parish Attorney**

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**Date**