

WHEREAS, a Local Law to effect a Moratorium and Prohibition within the Town of Middlesex of Natural Gas and Petroleum Exploration and Extraction Activities, Underground Storage of Natural Gas, and Disposal of Natural Gas or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration and Production Wastes was duly filed with the New York Secretary of State as Local Law No. 3 of the Laws of 2011 on December 27, 2011 (the "Law"); and

WHEREAS pursuant to the Law, said moratorium is in effect for a period of nine months as of the filing of the Law with the NYS Department of State; and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex, as a matter of absolute legislative discretion, declares that it is advisable and prudent and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the town to extend the moratorium and prohibition of natural gas and petroleum exploration and extraction activities, underground storage of natural gas, and disposal of natural gas or petroleum extraction, exploration and production wastes in the Town of Middlesex for an additional term of six months to enable the Town Board to complete its review and adopt appropriate laws in respect of the said natural gas and petroleum activities in the Town of Middlesex;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex as follows:

1. Local Law No. 3 of 2011 to effect a Moratorium and Prohibition within the Town of Middlesex of Natural Gas and Petroleum Exploration and Extraction Activities, Underground Storage of Natural Gas, and Disposal of Natural Gas or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration and Production Wastes shall be and is hereby extended for an additional term of six (6) months beginning September 27, 2012 through March 27, 2013.

2. If, however, the Town Board determines that it is in the best interests of the town to extend such time period, for reasons of accomplishing the purposes and intent stated in the Law, it shall do so for a reasonable time period, as deemed appropriate.

3. Should any section or provision of this local law be declared null, void, voidable or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this local law.

4. This local law shall become effective upon the filing of the same with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.