



Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association

## ALERT FOR ALL TIPRO MEMBERS NEAR THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

*In the city of Denton, a current proposal for abusive government takings  
is a threat to YOU and all Texas businesses*

How far can Texas cities go with regards to business regulations, bans and abusive property rights takings?

Stated differently, do you support allowing city councils to supersede statewide regulated professional licensure requirements and state regulated industries with their own patchwork of replacement local regulations and local business bans?

As you may have heard, several out-of-state liberal environmental groups have helped fund a petition drive calling on the Denton City Council to permanently ban oil and gas drilling within the city. That's right, not "local zoning for public safety" — but outlawing a state licensed and permitted industry from doing business in Texas.

A public hearing on the proposed drilling ban has been set for the Denton City Council to hear public comment and testimony on this proposed ban. The hearing is set for Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 215 E. McKinney Street in downtown Denton.

**All TIPRO members in Denton and surrounding areas are encouraged to mark your calendar and attend this critical public hearing.** For those unable to stay for the entire duration of the hearing, please consider stopping by to turn-in an OPPOSITION CARD against the proposed ban on hydraulic fracturing — noting that the cities do not have the power to supersede state regulated businesses or licenses; nor do cities have the right to abusive takings of property owner and mineral owner land rights.

In addition, in the days leading up to the public hearing, please contact the Denton Mayor along with members of the Denton City Council to strongly express your opposition to the proposed drilling ban, and your general opposition to any city action that supersedes a state licensed or regulated business or profession. City Council member phone numbers and email addresses are below:

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For additional information on the July 15 meeting time and location, please contact the Denton City secretary by phone at (940) 349-8309.

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