

## **Dallas Neighborhoods Win – Gas Well Drilling Ordinance Passes!**

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In a 9-6 vote this afternoon, the Dallas City Council voted to pass the gas well drilling ordinance drafted by the Plan Commission. This result was the one long advocated for by a coalition of Dallas neighborhoods and environmental groups. The only change to the Commission recommendations was a minor modification that now requires six votes to stop a variance being rolled back to a minimum of 1000 feet instead of four. The standard 1,500 foot buffer between drilling sites and compressors and residences contained within the ordinance is now the strictest in the Barnett Shale.

DHL wants to recognize and thank our partners in this victory, including the Mountain Creek Neighborhood Alliance, Texas Campaign for the Environment, the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League, The North Dallas Neighborhood Alliance, and all the groups composing the Dallas Residents at Risk coalition. This is a great and precedent-setting victory that demonstrates the power of collective action. It took many years of hard work, but we can be proud of the result.  
Congratulations, Dallas!