

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ZONING AND PERMITTING AUTHORITY OF
BURLEIGH COUNTY AND TOWNSHIPS WITHIN BURLEIGH COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City of Wilton supports the efforts of Burleigh County to protect its residents in the matter of the pipelines carrying hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS the Burleigh County Commission and various township boards have enacted ordinances and zoning regulations for the location and permitting of hazardous pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the existence of hazardous CO2 pipelines could restrict the expansion and development of Bismarck, Lincoln, Wilton, and neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS North Dakota's leaders have long advocated for local control of projects impacting citizens' health, safety, and economic interests; and

WHEREAS, the existence of hazardous CO2 pipelines would devalue property and inhibit property tax revenue regardless of whether an emergency disaster happens or not; and

WHEREAS, hazardous CO2 pipelines present the risks for additional services, evacuation plans, disaster mitigation, and the accompanying budgetary expenses associated with those requirements; and

WHEREAS, hazardous CO2 pipelines pose risks of asphyxiation and death to humans and animals due to oxygen displacement and symptoms like breathlessness and disorientation at just 10% concentration; and

WHEREAS emergency responders, particularly rural volunteers, are unprepared for a mass CO2 casualty due to insufficient staff and equipment, and Summit Carbon Solutions has not shown it will provide the needed equipment for such an event in perpetuity; and

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Wilton City Commission acknowledges the dangers of hazardous CO2 pipelines, opposes their construction near Wilton, and asks Summit Carbon Solutions to abandon, or reroute the proposed CO2 pipeline outside of a 25-mile zone around the city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilton City Commission requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission reject Summit Carbon Solutions' applications for a CO2 pipeline near Wilton and honor local zoning and permitting authority.

Signed this 15th day of November 2023



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