

DANGEROUS FRAC SAND MINING NEAR APPROVAL IN HOUSTON COUNTY

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO STOP IT - SAVE YOUR COMMUNITY - DEMAND A FRAC SAND BAN

Houston County Commissioners are about to approve a mining ordinance that will open the doors to an unlimited number of frac sand mines in the County. They could approve it as soon as **Wednesday, February 18th.**

THE DRAFT ORDINANCE:

- Contains **NO** provision for monitoring deadly silica dust, a known major cause of lung disease.
- Contains **NO PROTECTION** of our precious water supply – neither its quality nor its quantity.
- **EACH MINE** can have 20 acres (15 football fields) of active mining.
- **EACH MINE** could add 4,000 truckloads of sand per mine, per year on Houston County roads.
- There is **NO** limit on the number of mines (Fillmore Co. allows only **FIVE** mines!) Houston could have **HUNDREDS!**
- **YOU** will pay for the road maintenance (road agreement with the county will only be required if mines run 30 or more trucks a day — 22 trucks (15 cubic yard trucks) over 180 days can haul 60,000 cubic yards.)
- Provides **NO PROTECTION** for our beautiful bluffs.
- Provides **NO PROTECTION** of your investment in your home (home values decrease up to 30% within a mile of a mine, that is if anyone would want to buy it.)
- "Grandfathered" mines (Houston County has 130 of them) will **NOT** be required to follow most of the regulations.
- Contains **NO** provisions for enforcement of what little regulation it does contain.

PLEASE JOIN LOCAL FAMILIES - THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES IS TO BAN FRAC SAND MINING IN HOUSTON COUNTY!

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE - SPEAK UP AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Wednesday, February 18, 10:00 AM
Houston County Courthouse, Commissioners Room
304 S. Marshall St., Caledonia, MN 55921

DO THREE THINGS NOW: EMAIL, WRITE, AND CALL ALL FIVE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Take this flier to your Houston County neighbors and ask them to do the same!

To learn more about frac sand mining, go to: www.sandpointtimes.com and www.freehoustonsand.com
or **attend a community forum: Mon. Feb. 16 at 6:30PM** - La Crescent Community Bldg. 336 S. 1st St.