

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern Corporation has established an ethanol transloading operation at its intermodal facility in Alexandria's West End; and

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern Corporation made a unilateral and ill-advised decision to locate such a facility near the homes of thousands of City residents, a public elementary school, the Capital beltway which is a main north-south interstate highway serving the East Coast, and the WMATA Metro Rail Blue Line; and

**WHEREAS**, a facility for the transport, storage and handling of multiple railcars, each with a capacity of 30,000 gallons of highly flammable liquid, presents an unacceptable threat to public safety, vital infrastructure, and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern has proposed plans to enable them to further expand the throughput at their Alexandria facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern appears to have been planning this increase in offloading for some time, having applied for an air pollution control permit to VDEQ at the beginning of 2013, yet failed to inform the City and its residents about their planned expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed increase in throughput necessitates an air pollution control permit from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ); and

**WHEREAS**, potential impacts of such increase in throughput include further threats to public safety, vital infrastructure, private property and air quality; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City opposes issuance of the air permit that would enable the expansion of throughput at the facility and would result in increased air emissions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to develop comments in opposition to the Permit and submit those to VDEQ as part of the public comment period and otherwise work with VDEQ staff to allow as much time as possible for public outreach and comment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager and the City Attorney are directed to explore if there are any other means to prevent this facility expansion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to the City's federal and state legislative delegations and their assistance where feasible be sought to prevent this facility expansion.

ADOPTED:

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**WILLIAM D. EUILLE, MAYOR**

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Jackie M. Henderson, MMC, City Clerk