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### **OKOGA URGES STILLWATER NOT TO PASS NEW RESTRICTIONS**

Oklahoma City, OK – July 20, 2015 – The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association is urging the Stillwater City Council not to pass new restrictions on oil and natural gas development.

"We understand the council's concern about oil and gas activity encroaching on the lives of Stillwater residents, but the new regulations, as written, could be deemed unreasonable," said Bud Ground, OKOGA's regulatory and environmental affairs consultant. "This would prohibit new drilling within much of the city limits."

Ground will testify about Stillwater's proposed ordinance at Monday's scheduled council meeting.

Ground said the setback provision in the ordinance does not account for the fact that the footprint of a well pad can change over time, as the operations at a given site evolve.

He suggested measuring the setback from the wellhead, rather than the edge of the well pad.

Ground also said Stillwater's proposed ordinance could run afoul of a recently passed state law that limits cities' ability to regulate oil and gas activity. Senate Bill 809 was signed into law by Gov. Mary Fallin after this year's legislative session.

"Stillwater residents and businesses deserve a well-crafted and thoughtful ordinance that will not be thrown out by the court."

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