



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 25, 2017
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of May 9, 2017

DATE: April 6, 2017
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Amending the Hazardous Substances Pipeline Ordinance
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CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Chapter 35 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to revise Article VII. – HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, LIQUIDS, AND GAS PIPELINES AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; and providing for severance, publication, penalty, and an effective date.

PURPOSE:

The current pipeline ordinance was first enacted in 1993 and followed safety rules and guidelines used by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Texas Railroad Commission which regulates the operation of pipelines. The ordinance was also enacted to identify the pipeline owner, location and number of pipelines within the City limits and the geographical area five thousand (5,000) feet beyond its corporate boundaries. The main purpose of the amendment is to:

- Adopt minor changes that have been made by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Texas Railroad Commission regarding pipeline construction and penalties.
- Update contact information for incident reporting and emergencies.
- Update contact information for the submittal of new pipeline construction.
- Provide for the submittal of pipeline documents and drawings in workable electronic form instead of paper copies.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The pipeline ordinance has only been revised once since its inception. The sole revision was in 2010 to increase the annual fee for administrative costs from \$100.00 to \$125.00 which is paid by pipeline operators for each pipeline they operate.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council approval of ordinance to

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Staff is requesting a non-emergency reading to this routine, non-controversial item.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating

☐ Revenue

☐ Capital

X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item			
BALANCE			

Fund(s): (Do not list Accounting streams, use names of accounts)

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance to amend Chapter 35 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to revise Article VII. – Hazardous Substances, Liquids, and Gas Pipelines and Distribution Systems.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- 1) Ordinance