MEMORANDUM

TO:    Austin Fire Department Personnel
FROM:  Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief
DATE:  March 8, 2018
SUBJECT:  Recommendation Under Land Development Code Section 25-2-516(B) (Site Plan Application Case No. SP-2017-0133C)

This memorandum constitutes my recommendation under the City’s Land Development Code §25-2-516(B) concerning the referenced site plan application.

Our Development Services Department has made the Fire Department aware of this site plan application, which relates to a tract of land located at the corner of Deer Lane and Brodie Lane (Council District 8). The proposed land use in this application involves structures that would be located between 200 and 500 feet of underground pipelines that meet the definition of a “Hazardous Pipeline” in the Land Development Code §25-2-516(B). Under these circumstances, Code §25-2-516(B) requires the Fire Chief to make a recommendation to the Council concerning whether the design of the proposed structures contains safeguards for detection of pipeline leaks and evacuation design features as specified in that Code section.

Our Fire Marshal’s office has reviewed this matter to determine whether the proposed design meets the requirements in §25-2-516(B), including reviewing modeling tests that address the safety systems in the proposed design and reviewing the report from Fire Protection Consulting Group, LLC dated January 29, 2018. Based on this review, it is my recommendation that the proposed design meets the requirements set out in Code §25-2-516(B)(1)-(3).

This recommendation addresses only my responsibility concerning compliance with this part of the Land Development Code, and does not express any opinion on the site plan application itself or the proposed land use set out in the application.

Please let me know if we can provide further information to the Council on this matter.

Cc: Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager