

Bavarian, Ron

Subject: FW: Station 2 new rear drive

From: Baumgartner, John <john.baumgartner@leaguecitytx.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 9:32 AM
To: Bavarian, Ron <Ron.Bavarian@leaguecitytx.gov>
Cc: Allen, Jeff <Jeff.Allen@leaguecitytx.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Station 2 new rear drive

Ron,

Please prepare a change order for Council consideration.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Allen, Jeff" <Jeff.Allen@leaguecitytx.gov>
Date: August 20, 2025 at 9:13:33 AM CDT
To: "Baumgartner, John" <john.baumgartner@leaguecitytx.gov>
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John,

I am supportive, if funding allows, to have this driveway added for Fire Station # 2. Below, Chief Keesler is the request that Chief Keesler has sent me regarding this project.

Jeff Allen
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From: Keesler, Shawn <Shawn.Keesler@leaguecitytx.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 12:13 AM

To: Allen, Jeff <Jeff.Allen@leaguecitytx.gov>

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Chief Allen,

I would like to see if it possible to have the new rear driveway reconsider by City Staff. I was unaware this was being decided so quick till we received the email today stating to move on without the drive. I am not sure if you are aware that a group from the fire department along with city staff walked this back area maybe two years ago discussion potential options to make new entrance for Ladder 2 and Engine 2. It was a productive walk with lots of ideas and concerns addressed. We all agreed the best option was to bring the drive off Turner Road east of the back fence. Original plan for the drive back when Chief Goudie was here was to have it come off the new northside parking lot that was proposed and designed with the northside fire station expansion but believe the parking lot and drive was removed from that project due to cost overruns. Below are a few of the reason and safety concerns that we fill the drive could address.

1. The current layout of the rear parking lot and drive access does not allow for us to enter the station bays from any of the rear bay's doors with Ladder 2. The angle is too tight on all three rear bay doors. The current Engines can make it as long as no vehicle are hanging out from the parking space along the rear fence. If the new drive was installed as we discussed it would split between bay 2 and 3 rear door giving us almost a straight shot pulling in.

2. Currently we must back in and that can be difficult depending on the time of the day due to regular traffic, school traffic and poor visibility for the drivers when backing in

depending on sun location. The visibility issue is largely due to the front of the station facing west and, on most afternoons, we have had multiple drivers report they are unable to see the firefighter assigned as a spotter due to bright sun outside and the bays being dim when backing in. They have also reported at certain portion when backing in the rear camera also loses quality due to the change of light.

3. The new rear drive would also assist with being able to set up the Ladder for full extension inspection, turntable rotation inspection, waterway inspection and for any possible damaged that may have been caused by low tree branches without any overhead obstructions or blocking any other apparatus. Until maybe a year ago we didn't have any overhead obstruction on the front drive until the power company installed new power poles and power lines due to the power grid being overloaded heading south on Hobbs Rd. Prior to this the lines were on the west side of the road and now they are on both side which make us extending the ladder out to the left or the right in front of either the ambulance bay or engine bay depending on which side we extend it and could cause a response delay. If able to perform these on the backside of station all response vehicles could flow out smoothly.

Thank you for taking time to consider this request and I along with several other would be would be happy to walk the site and answer any question they may have.

Shawn Keesler
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