



Legislation Text

File #: 19-0549, **Version:** 1

Consider and take action on a request by Lynn Watkins for three variances to Chapter 42, Article IV, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, entitled, “Drilling Production, Plugging and Abandonment”, for a Production Permit for the Tidwell drill site, generally located south of the Magnolia Creek Planned Unit Development, southwest of the Brittany Lakes Subdivision, east of Bay Area Boulevard and west of Landing Boulevard (Executive Director of Development Services)

The drill site is located southwest of the Brittany Lakes Subdivision and directly south of the Magnolia Creek Subdivision. In April of 2016 and July of 2017, City Council granted approximately 25 variances to facilitate the exploratory drilling operation. In August of 2018, the City Manager issued a drilling permit with conditions attached. In January of 2019, the City Council authorized the City Manager to deem satisfied the conditions attached to the Oil and Gas Well Drilling Permit. Exploratory drilling commenced in March of 2019.

Project Summary:

The applicant is requesting three variances from Chapter 42, Article IV, of the League City Code of Ordinances, entitled, “Drilling Production, Plugging and Abandonment”.

Variances:

1. 42-209 Waive the requirement for separate company representative to be on site when pump truck is on site. A company representative will make daily inspections of the site to assure that all systems are operational. In addition, a video surveillance camera will be linked to an off-site monitoring location for oversight of the site on a 24 hour a day basis.
2. 42-254 Defer landscaping until such time as the surrounding subdivision is constructed. This site is in the middle of an operating cattle ranch and the animals would destroy the plants. Fence per the ordinance will be constructed at this time.
3. 42-283 Delete the requirement for odorization due to pipeline company refusal to allow injection of gas containing an odorizing agent. - *See attached email from Energy Transfer*

The applicant requested four variances in the attached letter, but after discussions with staff, the three above variances have been agreed upon.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the three requested variances.

Attachments:

1. Data Sheet
2. Variance Request Letter
3. Variance Requests
4. Energy Transfer Email

CONTRACT ORIGINATION:

Development Services

Applicant/Owner: Lynn Watkins

FUNDING

☐ Funds are available from Account # _____

☐ Requires Budget Amendment to transfer from Account # _____ to Account # _____

☒ NOT APPLICABLE

STRATEGIC PLANNING

☐ Addresses Strategic Planning Critical Success Factor # _____ and Initiative # _____

☒ NOT APPLICABLE