

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2019

WHEREAS, the governmental responsibility of eminent domain has been delegated to Pipelines with little oversight, and

WHEREAS, risks of pipeline construction and operation include surface spills, blasting and trenching altering water flow, sinkhole development or filling, soil compaction, topographic alterations, pipeline leakage and drinking water contamination, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of municipalities and cities believe the responsibility for Public Safety is a critical duty owed their citizens, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of municipalities and cities believe the responsibility for Public Health is a critical duty owed their citizens, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of municipalities and cities believe the responsibility for Emergency Preparedness is a critical duty owed their citizens, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of municipalities and cities believe the responsibility for Planning and Economic Development is critical duty owed their citizens, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of municipalities and cities believe their ability to address and/or to collaborate with accountable entities on these critical responsibilities is impeded under current State of Texas laws and regulations concerning oil and gas pipelines due to the delegated governmental authority of eminent domain to private companies and the lack of a public process, particularly environmental and economic impact studies for intrastate pipelines;

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has failed its own municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AT THIS 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE:

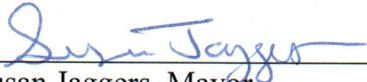
Require the State of Texas to create a state regulatory process for pipeline routing that:

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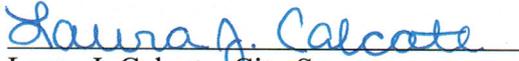
1. Enables affected communities and landowners to provide input prior to establishment and publication of routes.
2. Provides for negotiation on routes when municipalities believe that substantial threats to economic development, natural resources, or standard of living are potential outcomes.
3. Intrastate pipelines will comply with environmental and economic impact study standards, including the participation of local governmental entities and public participation.
4. Pipeline operators shall have in place performance bonds like those the state has in its own contracts.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of August, 2019.

THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS

By: 
Susan Jagers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura J. Calcote, City Secretary

