

EXHIBIT E: LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM GRU

April 15, 2020

Mr. Andrew Persons, AICP, Interim Director
City of Gainesville, Department of Doing
306 NE 6th Ave
Gainesville, FL 32601

RE: Gainesville, FL – Wellfield Special Use Permit (SUP) Land Development Code (LDC) Amendment

Andrew,

Thank you and your staff for the continued work, coordination, and facilitation of a recommended change in the City of Gainesville LDC. As we have discussed previously, we are recommending a change in the Wellfield Protection Code to allow development sites in the tertiary zone to request approval from GRU to potentially allow underground storage of petroleum products. These development site requests must be in accordance with Alachua County's Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) and State and Federal requirements that must be followed, as required in the Code.

We have spoken with ACEPD and they support the proposed amendment. Accordingly, GRU supports amending the LDC as stated below. Therefore, LDC Article III, Division 6, Section 30-3.30. Section B., which currently states:

5. There is no current or proposed underground storage of petroleum products or hazardous materials at the development site.

...should be modified to read:

5. There is no current or proposed underground storage of petroleum products or hazardous materials at the development site in the secondary zone. There is no current or proposed underground storage of hazardous materials at the development site in the tertiary zone. There is no current or proposed underground storage of petroleum products at the development site in the tertiary zone unless approved by GRU General Manager or his/her designee.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Regards,



Debbie Daugherty, P.E.
Water/Wastewater Engineering Director

cc: Jennifer McElroy, P.E., GRU Supervising Utility Engineer
Gus Olmos, P.E., Alachua County