



# CITY OF CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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President Angel Fuentes  
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President Fuentes and Council Members,

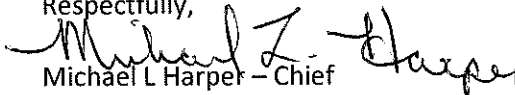
The Fire Department Administrative Staff met with Mr. Kevin Barfield and Mr. David Steinberg yesterday to discuss the possibility of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) being transported by rail and roadway in the City of Camden. We discussed the potential dangers to the residents of the City and the members of the first responder groups here in the City if such a project were to be approved. Both of these men brought this to the attention of City Council at the last Council meeting on March 14, 2023.

In our meeting we had myself, all of our Deputy Fire Chiefs, two of our Battalion Chiefs and one of our supervisors from our Fire Marshal's office. We were all in agreement that the proposed project to transport such a volatile product via rail car or over the road truck would be not only dangerous to the City but also to the entire region. This process has never been done before and for good reason. We can never sacrifice the lives of human beings' safety for the sake of someone's profit. The necessary equipment and manpower to handle just a small incident with this product would far exceed the capabilities of the Camden Fire Department and the tri-county area.

It is our hope that you would draft a resolution stating the City of Camden is against any transportation of LNG by rail or tanker truck in the City of Camden like many of our neighboring towns have already done. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is extremely flammable and because of its low temperatures in the liquid state can also cause cryogenic burns and injury. Our city is riddled with enough very serious hazards to the residents and the members of the first responder community already. We should not add more especially with the magnitude of the catastrophe that could be caused by the LNG Project.

Feel free to reach out to me or my staff if you should have any questions or additional concerns on this subject matter. Thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully,

  
Michael L Harper – Chief

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Business Administrator Tim Cunningham  
Damon Burke – Risk Management Officer  
Keith Walker – OEM Director  
Mr. Barfield and Mr. David Steinberg