

## Decision Paper

Stephanie Lopez

### Request for Extension of LOD Leave

#### Issue

Stephanie Lopez, Fire Engineer assigned to M8-B, seeks an extension of Line of Duty leave from August 6, 2023, to January 19, 2025, for an illness contracted while on duty on August 5, 2022. This extension will restore 2,156.25 hours of accrued leave that was used for this illness. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.073, this extension requires an approval by City Council. The department needs to submit a request for ordinance that will include the Fire Chief's recommendation.

#### Facts

- Date of illness – August 5, 2022.
- Fire Engineer Lopez contracted an occupational illness while on duty.
- On Line of Duty leave from August 6, 2022, until August 5, 2023. She began using additional accrued leave on August 6, 2023, until January 19, 2025.

#### Considerations

#### Recommendation

Fire Department staff recommends approval.

Approved       Disapproved

  
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Valerie Frausto, Fire Chief

15 May 2025  
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Date