

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:
LAURA SKUBAL, CLERK OF THE BOARD
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MOHAVE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOHAVE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 34 REGARDING UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF COMPRESSED GAS IN MOHAVE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, August 3, 2026, a public hearing was conducted to determine whether approval should be granted for an Amendment to the Mohave County Zoning Ordinance, as requested by Mohave County, and

WHEREAS, The Development Services Department has received requests from various companies to establish underground facilities for the storage of compressed hydrogen, and other types of gases, within salt caverns near the Red Lake area north of Kingman, and

WHEREAS, Compressed gas storage is facilitated through the formation of airtight caverns in salt deposits that allows for the storage of high-pressure gases such as natural gas, hydrogen, and compressed air. According to industry resources, salt has very low permeability that prevents leakage of stored gases and makes it ideal for bulk storage, and

WHEREAS, Zoning Ordinance Section 34 currently allows the storage of flammable liquids and gases with the approval of a Special Use Permit, but does not specifically describe underground storage of compressed gas as a permitted use. This amendment would revise Section 34.D to allow the underground bulk storage of compressed gases in the M-X Zone subject to acquiring a Special Use Permit, and

WHEREAS, the following described Findings of Fact are for the above-captioned item:

- a. All notices have been advertised and posted according to regulations.
- b. The proposed action and effect comply with the Mohave County General Plan.
- c. The proposed action and effect comply with the Arizona Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, at the public hearing before the Mohave County Planning and Zoning Commission on July 8, 2026, the Commission recommended APPROVAL of this Amendment to the Mohave County Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the notice of hearing was published in the Kingman Daily Miner, a newspaper of general circulation in Kingman, Mohave County, Arizona; the Spectrum, a newspaper of general circulation in the Arizona Strip Vicinity, Mohave County, Arizona; the Mohave Valley Daily News, a newspaper of general circulation in the South Mohave Valley vicinity, Mohave County, Arizona; and Today's News-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the Lake Havasu vicinity, Mohave County, Arizona, on July 15, 2026, and was posted on the Mohave County website on July 15, 2026, as required by Arizona Revised Statutes and the Mohave County Zoning Regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Mohave County Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on Monday, August 3, 2026, ADOPTED this amendment to the Mohave County Zoning Ordinance as follows (wording to be deleted is struck, and wording to be added is **bolded and double underlined**, as shown below):

Section 34 HEAVY MANUFACTURING OR "M-X" ZONE

D. Uses Allowed After Acquiring a Special Use Permit

2. Storage of flammable liquids and gases, **including structures supporting or utilizing underground bulk storage of compressed gases,** and bulk fuels for sale and distribution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST 2026

MOHAVE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Travis Lingenfelter, Chairman

Laura Skubal, Clerk of the Board