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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. /// -2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL ("NOPEC") AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING NOPEC AND APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF NOPEC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls wishes to establish a natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.26, of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Natural Gas Program"), for the residents, businesses and other consumers located within the City, and for that purpose, to act jointly with any other City, village, township, municipal corporation, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, by joining the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, the City will be able to act jointly with other member political subdivisions and thereby maximize the potential benefit of natural gas deregulation through group purchasing efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City, including the natural gas consumers located within the City, to join and to adopt the NOPEC Bylaws, for the purpose of establishing and implementing the Natural Gas Program within the

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Agreement Establishing the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (the "NOPEC Agreement"). The NOPEC Agreement shall be substantially in the form presented to this Council and on file with the Clerk, subject to such changes, insertions and omissions which are consistent with this Ordinance and are not substantially adverse to the City and as may be approved by the Mayor, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the NOPEC Agreement.

Section 3. The Council hereby approves and adopts the Bylaws of NOPEC (in the form attached to the NOPEC Agreement).

Section 4. Any other ordinances and resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed but any ordinances and resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

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Section 6. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to maximize the potential benefit through the Natural Gas Program provided by NOPEC, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 12-11-17

President of Council

Clerk of Council

Approved 1612-601

Mayo

11/20/17

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