CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 10Q - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NATURAL GAS PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, under Section 4929.26, of the Ohio Revised Code, the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (the "City") is authorized to establish an opt-out natural gas aggregation program for the benefit of eligible natural gas consumers located within the City; and

WHEREAS, under Section 4929.26, of the Ohio Revised Code, the City may exercise such authority jointly with other political subdivisions in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation provides an opportunity for natural gas consumers collectively to participate in the potential benefits of natural gas deregulation through lower gas rates which they would not otherwise be able to have individually.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City and certain natural gas consumers located within the City, to establish an opt-out natural gas aggregation program (the "Gas Aggregation Program") in the City, and to enter into a Natural Gas Program Agreement with NOPEC in order to establish a Gas Aggregation Program through NOPEC.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Natural Gas Program Agreement of NOPEC (the "Gas Program Agreement"). The Gas Program Agreement shall be substantially in the form presented to Council 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 Council, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by execution of the Gas Program Agreement.

<u>Section 3</u>. Any other ordinances and resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed but any ordinances and resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.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 4. 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.

<u>Section 5</u>. 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

55	Falls and the inhabitants thereof and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
56	members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon
57	its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest
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