CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 95 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS, ACCORDING TO LAW, FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City's contract for natural gas for City-owned facilities expires on December 31, 2025, so the City will enroll in the State of Ohio Natural Gas Purchasing Program, which expires in October 2026; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services has contracted with Summit Energy Services (SES), a division of Schneider Electric, Inc., to act as the administrator of the State's Natural Gas Purchasing Program.

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

<u>Section 1.</u> The Director of Public Service is hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of natural gas with Schneider Electric, Inc.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to make payment for same from funds properly appropriated to the various departments of the City for these purposes, according to an apportionment of costs as between the departments.

<u>Section 3.</u> Any other ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.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 that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, 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 Falls and the inhabitants thereof, 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.

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