

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN OPT-IN NATURAL GAS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.27(A)(1), OHIO REVISED CODE, JOINTLY THROUGH NOPEC AS A NOPEC MEMBER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield, Ohio ("Village"), has previously established an "opt-out" natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, for its residents, businesses, and other consumers located within the Village jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member; and

WHEREAS, to expand the natural gas supply options available to residents, businesses and other consumers within the Village of Richfield, the Village wishes to establish an "opt-in" natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.27(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code (the "Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program") for its residents, businesses and other consumers located within the Village and, for that purpose, to act jointly with any other city, village, city, municipal corporation, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to conduct the Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, County of Summit, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby approves and authorizes the establishment of an Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program in the Village jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member and adopts this Ordinance pursuant to the authority contained in Section 4929.27(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code.

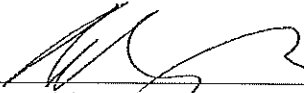
SECTION 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Village, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to maximize the potential benefits of gas deregulation through the NOPEC Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program of NOPEC.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 3-18-25


COUNCIL CLERK


President of Council


Mayor

Dated: 3/18/2025