

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE NOPEC OPT-IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING AN OPT-IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AS A NOPEC MEMBER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this Council previously enacted legislation authorizing the Village of Richfield (the “Village”) to establish an “opt-out” Gas Aggregation Program pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code (the “Opt-Out Gas Aggregation Program”) for the eligible residents, businesses and other gas consumers in the Village, and for that purpose, to act jointly with any other municipal corporation, city, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously enacted legislation authorizing the Village to join the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) to execute a Natural Gas Program Agreement and adopt the NOPEC Gas Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance, so that the Village would be able to act jointly with other member political subdivisions and thereby maximize the potential benefits of gas deregulation through group purchasing efforts; and

WHEREAS, this Council has enacted legislation establishing an “opt-in” natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4927(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code (the “Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program”) for the eligible residents, business and other consumers located within the Village, and to conduct the Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of this Council pursuant to Section 4929.27(B), Ohio Revised Code, two (2) public hearings have been held on the Plan of Operation and Governance for the NOPEC Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD, SUMMIT COUNTY AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village, including the gas consumers located within the Village, to adopt the Plan of Operation and Governance of the NOPEC Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program, for the purpose of establishing and implementing the NOPEC Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program in the Village.

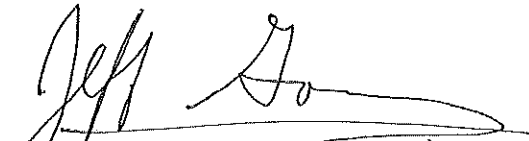
SECTION 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings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

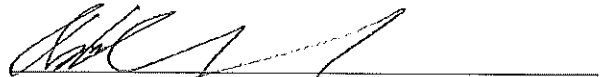
SECTION 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Village, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to maximize the potential

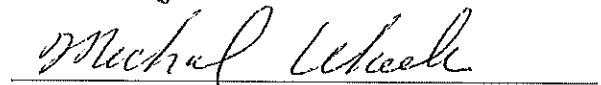
benefits of gas deregulation through the NOPEC Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program of NOPEC.

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