

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 81

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

WHEREAS, the City of Parma Heights, Ohio ("City"), has previously established an "opt-out" natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, for its residents, businesses, and other consumers located within the City 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 City of Parma Heights, the City wishes to establish an "opt-in" natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.27(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program") for its residents, businesses and other consumers located within the City and, for that purpose, to act jointly with any other city, village, municipal corporation, county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the City 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 City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1: This Council hereby approves and authorizes the establishment of an Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program in the City jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member and adopts this Ordinance pursuant to the authority contained in Section 4929.27(A)(1) of the 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 the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council 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 City, 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 Gas Aggregation Program of NOPEC, as provided herein; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the City.

PASSED: 12-9-24

Thomas Rounds  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara O'Neil  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

12-9-24  
APPROVED

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: 12-9-24

M. Gallo  
MAYOR MARIE GALLO