

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-052

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC. TO CONTINUE A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM BEYOND NOVEMBER 2015 WHEN THE CURRENT SUPPLY AGREEMENT ENDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted natural gas deregulation legislation ("H.B. No. 9") which authorizes the legislative authorities of cities to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of natural gas, and;

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business customers collectively to participate in the potential benefits of natural gas deregulation through lower natural gas rates which they would not otherwise be able to have individually, and;

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City, its residents, businesses and other Natural Gas consumers located within the limits of the City to continue its Natural Gas opt-out Aggregation Program subject to the conditions of a Natural Gas Supply Agreement that will take effect on or about December 1, 2015, and;

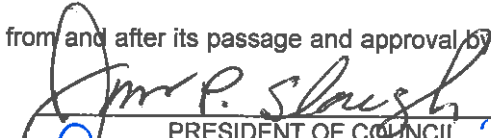
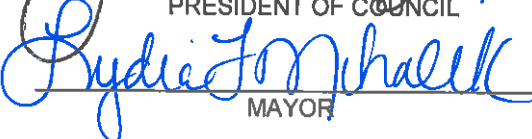
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio, two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: The Mayor of the City of Findlay is hereby authorized to enter into a Master Service Agreement for Natural Gas Supply Services with Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. to facilitate the sale and purchase of Natural Gas to consumers in the City's opt-out program.

SECTION 2: That 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Findlay, Ohio, and for the further reason it is immediately necessary to execute said agreement so that the aforementioned governmental natural gas aggregation program may continue,

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR

PASSED July 7, 2015

ATTEST Denise DeVore
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED July 7, 2015