ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-44

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4929 of the Ohio Revised Code, to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower costs of natural gas supplies and other benefits, certain governmental entities may aggregate certain natural gas consumers within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the electors of the City of St. Clairsville have previously approved the City's plan to create an aggregation program for customers located within the boundaries of the City of St. Clairsville during the election that occurred in November, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §4929.26(C) requires a governmental entity interested in the automatic registration of customers under governmental aggregation, subject to customer's rights to "opt out" of such aggregation, to adopt a plan of operation and governance for its aggregation program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That Council for the City of St. Clairsville hereby adopts the City of St. Clairsville's plan of operation & governance (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A) for the implementation and administration of the City's municipal gas aggregation program in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §4929.26(C).

SECTION 2: That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Plan of Operation and Governance and any related plan documents, on behalf of the City of St. Clairsville, Ohio.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare, and safety for the City of St. Clairsville and its residents such that the City must meet certain time frames involving the aggregation program and satisfying said time frames will result in promoting efforts to provide cost savings to the residents of the City of St. Clairsville.

SECTION 4: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by the Charter of the City of St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Passed: November 7, 2022

President of Council

Approved: November 7, 2022

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