

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A
NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH A NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER
RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC., THE COMMUNITY'S ENERGY
AGGREGATION CONSULTANT, FOR THE PROVISION OF COMPETITIVE
NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION SERVICE AND NATURAL GAS SUPPLY FOR
ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CORPORATION LIMITS AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has enacted natural gas deregulation legislation, authorizing legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and counties 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, on May 2, 2023, the residents of the City of South Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio voted to approve opt-out electric and natural gas programs for eligible City residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the City of South Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio has successfully completed and submitted to the State of Ohio all required paperwork and taken all necessary actions to become a certified competitive natural gas aggregator through the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, immediate action is required to allow the City to act on securing natural gas rates that have a short period to lock into, and such action is necessary in order to preserve the public peace, health, safety or welfare of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio, at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. The Council of the City of South Lebanon hereby authorizes the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into a natural gas aggregation agreement with a natural gas supplier in consultation with, and upon recommendation of Energy Alliances, Inc., the City's energy aggregation consultant, provided that the accepted aggregation rate is below the current Duke Energy Ohio Gas Cost Recovery ("GCR") rate at the time of execution, for a period not to exceed 24 months from the start of the program.

Section 2. The Council further authorizes that any qualifying resident, business, and/or other natural gas consumers within the municipal boundaries of the city of South Lebanon may request at any time and without cost to "Opt Out" of or exit the program by contacting Energy Alliances, Inc., or the chosen supplier.

Section 3. That the recitals contained within the Whereas Clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.

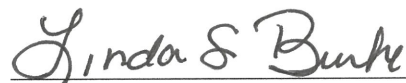
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Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure in accordance with Section 731.30 of the Ohio Revised Code for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare, and to proceed with the securing discounted natural gas; and this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage.

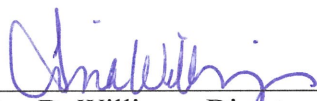
Section 5. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to passing this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2026.



Linda S. Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Petrina D. Williams, Director of Finance/Clerk

Rules Suspended: 7/2/26 (if applicable)

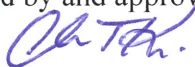
First Reading: -

Second Reading: -

Vote: 5 Yeas
- Nays

Effective Date: 7/2/26

Prepared by and approved as to form:



Chase T. Kirby
Law Director
City of South Lebanon, Ohio