



AN ORDINANCE BY THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG

ORDINANCE: 1255-26

AN ORDINANCE BY THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH A NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Williamsburg, Ohio ("Council") established a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code (the "Aggregation Program"), for the residents, businesses, and other natural gas customers in the Village of Williamsburg (the "Village"), as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted a Natural Gas Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance ("Plan of Operation") in accordance with the governmental aggregation provisions of Sections 4901 and 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Rules for Formation and Operation of Natural Gas Governmental Aggregations; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been approved as a Governmental Aggregator pursuant to such Plan of Operation; and

WHEREAS, through the Village's energy advisor Energy Alliances, Inc. ("Energy Alliances"), the Village entered into a Master Agreement for the supply of natural gas for a specified period of time, ending with the October 2026 bill; and

WHEREAS, given the regularly changing price of natural gas supply, it is imperative that the Village be prepared to enter into another master agreement and secure a price promptly for the provision of natural gas following the October 2026 bill; and

WHEREAS, Energy Alliances is working actively to secure such an agreement; and

WHEREAS, Council determines that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the Village's residents and promotes the general welfare of said citizenry;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Williamsburg, State of Ohio that:

SECTION I: The Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an appropriate opt-out natural gas agreement and natural gas aggregation master agreement with a supplier and at a price to be recommended by Energy Alliances. To the extent necessary, the Administrator is authorized further to execute any other appropriate documents incident to the Master Agreement.

SECTION II: Pursuant to such opt-out agreement, any qualifying resident, business, and other natural gas customer within the Village shall be able to request, at any time and without cost, to opt out or exit the program by contacting Energy Alliances or the chosen supplier.

SECTION III: 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 applicable law.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall be effective immediately. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the immediate need to secure a supply of natural gas and fix an appropriate price for the same in order to facilitate the prompt implementation of the Aggregation Program beyond October 2026.

James Weaver, Mayor

Lori Pegg, Fiscal Officer

July 16, 2026