

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14
VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
THIRD READING

- FAILED
6-12-23

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A
GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT
PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE,
DIRECTING THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT
QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.**

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has enacted natural gas deregulation legislation which authorizes the legislative authorities of townships and counties to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located within the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, governmental aggregations provide an opportunity for residential and small business consumers to participate collectively in the potential benefits of natural gas deregulation through lower natural gas rates which would not otherwise be available to those natural gas customers individually; and

WHEREAS, the Council of The Village of Buckeye Lake seek to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code for the residents, businesses, and other natural gas consumers in the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of The Village of Buckeye Lake, Licking County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: BEST INTERESTS OF THE VILLAGE

The Village Council of Buckeye Lake has concluded that it is in the best interest of the Village, its residents, and businesses located within the corporate limits of the Village to establish this aggregation program in the Village.

SECTION 2: APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORATE

The aggregation program must be approved by the electors of the Village pursuant to Section 3 of this Resolution. Upon approval by the electorate the Village is hereby authorized to automatically aggregate, in accord with Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, the retail natural gas loads (customers) located within the Village, and enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of natural gas. The Village may exercise such authority jointly with any other municipal corporation, township, or county or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 3: BALLOT LANGUAGE

The Board of Elections of LICKING County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE at the general election on November 7th, 2023.

Shall the Village of Buckeye Lake have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas customers located in the Village, and for that purpose, enter into services agreements to facilitate for those customers the sale and purchase of natural gas, conversion to the aggregation program will occur automatically unless the customers choose to opt out of the program.

