

December 1, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

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From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance: SOPEC Membership Ordinance – B Version

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to enable the City to join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“SOPEC”) and act jointly with other municipalities, townships, counties, and other political subdivisions to maximize the potential benefits of electricity procurement through group purchasing efforts for mercantile customers; and **APPROVING** the SOPEC Plan of Operation and Governance and the Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing SOPEC.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance. This is a B Version of Ordinance #202501777. This version states the City will adopt the SOPEC Plan of Operation and Governance and the Amended and Restated Bylaws for *Mercantile Customers only*. This is intended to provide clarification that this program will serve commercial customers and that residential energy bills will not be impacted by SOPEC membership.

cc: Oliver Kroner, Director, Environment and Sustainability