

August 6, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – SOPEC Membership

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the scheduling of two public hearings to consider approving the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council and enabling the City to act jointly with other municipalities, townships, counties, and other political subdivisions to maximize the potential benefits of electricity procurement through group purchasing efforts in a retail electric aggregation program.

This ordinance authorizes the scheduling of two public hearings for review of the governance rules for member organizations that opt to join the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC). If the City chooses to become a member of SOPEC, the City and energy account holders within the City of Cincinnati will gain new access to competitive energy pricing options.

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Director, Office of Environment & Sustainability *OK*