

ORDINANCE NO. O2022-19

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH
TREBEL, LLC AS THE BROKER FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS
NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4929 of the Ohio Revised Code, to facilitate competitive retail natural gas service to promote natural gas savings, lower cost of natural gas supplies, and other benefits, certain governmental entities may aggregate certain gas consumers within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the electors of the City of Gallipolis approved the Municipalities' plan to create an aggregation program for customers located within the boundaries of the City of Gallipolis that do not opt out; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 4929.26 (c) requires a governmental entity interested in the automatic registration of customers under governmental aggregation, subject to customers rights to "opt-out" of such an aggregation, to adopt a plan of operation and governance for its aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gallipolis had an agreement with Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. to provide retail natural gas services to eligible customers and Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. recently filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and are no longer providing services to the City of Gallipolis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gallipolis desires to create and adopt a new Plan of Operation and Governance and desires Trebel, LLC to perform independent analysis and review of the City's natural gas service usage and costs for the purpose of aggregating natural gas requirements of the residents of the City of Gallipolis; and

WHEREAS, Trebel, LLC is a certified aggregator with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") and engages in the business of providing consulting services to aggregate and procure energy and/or energy related services, products and accounts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Gallipolis, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: The City Manager of the City of Gallipolis, State of Ohio is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into the agreement attached hereto with Trebel, LLC to complete the above described project.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time as allowed by law.

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PASSED: June 20, 2022

ATTEST: _____

Shelly Clonch
Clerk of the City Commission
Shelly Clonch

Tony Gallagher
President of the City Commission
Tony Gallagher

The foregoing Ordinance is hereby approved as to form to City Charter

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Gallipolis City Solicitor
Brynn Saunders Noe