

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 25-61**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT OR  
OTHERWISE CONTINUE A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS  
AGGREGATION PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS:** The Ohio General Assembly has authorized Boards of Township Trustees to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in their respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate the purchase and sale of natural gas; and

**WHEREAS:** On November 3, 2015, the residents of Fairfield Township, Butler County Ohio voted to approve opt-out electric and gas programs for eligible Township residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio has taken various steps since the natural-gas program's inception to ensure that the eligible residents and businesses of the Township receive the best possible service and rate for natural gas; and

**WHEREAS:** The Township last authorized the continuation or renewal of a natural gas aggregation rate via the adoption of Resolution 2024-121 on August 13, 2024, with the intent of effecting the continuation of the Township's Natural Gas aggregation program; and

**WHEREAS:** The Township's current natural gas aggregation rate of .5894 per/ccf will expire in October of 2025 and it is necessary to authorize the Township Administrator to work cooperatively with Energy Alliances to secure the most competitive rate for Township natural gas aggregation customers for the upcoming renewal term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to negotiate and enter into a natural gas aggregation agreement with a natural gas supplier in consultation with, and upon recommendation of Energy Alliances, Inc. the Township's energy aggregation consultant, provided that the accepted aggregation rate is below the current Duke Energy Ohio Gas Cost Recovery ("GCR") rate at the time of execution, for a period of not to exceed 24 months from the state of the program.

**SECTION 2:** The Board further authorizes the Township Administrator to enter into or execute any other agreements or documentation in furtherance of the Township's natural gas aggregation program.

**SECTION 3:** This resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

**SECTION 4.** The Trustees hereby dispense with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to ORC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.


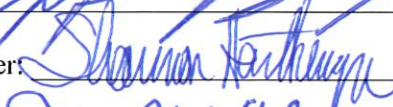
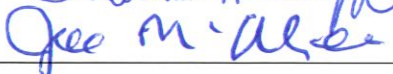
**SECTION 5:** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 6:** This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

**Adopted:** April 8, 2025

**Board of Trustees**

**Vote of Trustees**

Michael Berding:		<u>yes</u>
Shannon Hartkemeyer:		<u>yes</u>
Joe McAbee:		<u>yes</u>

**AUTHENTICATION**

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

  
Katherine Barbieri, Township Law Director