

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2025
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas

APPROVING THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS' NOTICE TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL ("NOPEC") TO ELECT NOPEC'S GREEN COMMUNITY CHOICE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY'S ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM STARTING IN JUNE 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights ("City") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and participates in NOPEC's electricity aggregation program ("Aggregation Program");

WHEREAS, the City is considering adopting a sustainability plan, a part of which includes or may include increasing the renewable content of the electricity consumed in the City;

WHEREAS, NOPEC is offering a green program for its member communities with a 100% renewable energy content standard default electricity aggregation product that includes Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") for 100% of the customer's energy usage, to any current or new NOPEC member community that selects this program for the upcoming three (3)-year NOPEC electric aggregation term (from the June 2026 until June 2029 utility meter reads), and for subsequent NOPEC Aggregation Program terms ("Green Community Choice Program");

WHEREAS, the Green Community Choice Program will include the additional cost of 100% RECs for 100% of the City's eligible customers' energy usage;

WHEREAS, the additional cost for the green-e certified REC content included in the Green Community Choice Program price from the June 2026 until June 2029 utility meter reads will be no higher than \$0.002/kWh or about \$1.75/month for the average residential household over the term of the upcoming program;

WHEREAS, the City's eligible customers will have the option to opt-in to the standard NOPEC default product not containing additional RECs at the lower Standard Program price or choose another NOPEC product offering;

WHEREAS, the NOPEC Green Community Choice Program offering requires that a member community notify NOPEC in writing on or before February 1, 2026, of its election to choose the Green Community Choice Program (100% REC standard default electricity aggregation product) for the upcoming three (3)-year NOPEC Aggregation Program term with legislation adopted by the legislative authority of the community making the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Council hereby approves the City's election to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program for the upcoming three (3)-year NOPEC Aggregation Program term (from the June 2026 through June 2029 utility meter reads) and,

unless the City notifies NOPEC in writing otherwise on or before February 1 before each subsequent three (3)-year NOPEC Aggregation Program term thereafter, the City shall continue to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program, at the REC content adder in effect for such subsequent NOPEC Aggregation Program term.

Section 2. This Council hereby authorizes and ratifies all actions of the Mayor in connection with execution of the City's election to notify NOPEC to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program.

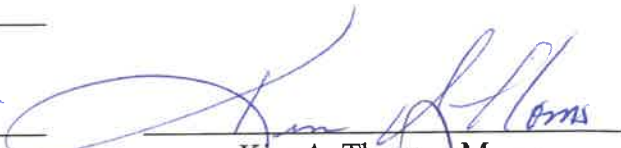
Section 3. This Council hereby acknowledges that the City's election to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program for the upcoming three (3)-year NOPEC Aggregation Program term (from the June 2026 until the June 2029 utility meter reads) and, unless the City notifies NOPEC in writing otherwise on or before February 1 before each subsequent three (3)-year NOPEC Aggregation Program term thereafter, the City shall continue to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program, at the REC content adder in effect for such subsequent NOPEC Aggregation Program term, and such election is binding and irrevocable.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

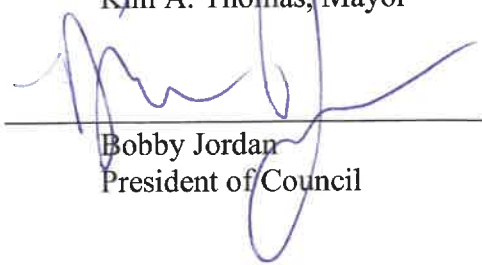
PASSED: November 11, 2025

APPROVED: November 11, 2025


Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: Tracey Blair

Tracey Blair
Clerk of Council


Bobby Jordan
President of Council