CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 014-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford, Ohio ("GRANTEE") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2023 ("NEC Grant(s)") as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the GRANTEE wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. in substantially the form presented to this Council to receive one or more NEC Grant(s); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga, and the State of Ohio:

<u>Section 1</u>. This Council of the GRANTEE (the "Council") finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the GRANTEE to enter into the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2023, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

<u>Section 2.</u> This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

<u>Section 3</u>. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the GRANTEE; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the GRANTEE.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

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Stanley C. Koci, Mayor-President of Council

Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal content by:

PASSED: February 21, 2023

John J. Montello, Law Director