AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING AVAILABILITY CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF WAYNESVILLE; FIXING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council has requested a review to be conducted by City staff of the costs involved in the operation and maintenance of the facilities that provide natural gas service to customers of the City; and

WHEREAS, City Staff have found that the current amount of income the City receives regarding this service is not adequate to properly maintain and operate the natural gas system; and

WHEREAS, this review has revealed the current availability fee charged by the City for natural gas services is not sufficient to cover installation and maintenance costs incurred by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the adjustments hereinafter set forth are necessary to allow the City to continue to provide such utility services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNESVILLE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 650.080 – Rates for Natural Gas Service, is amended to read as follows:

A. Service \$12.00 availability charge

SECTION 2. This rate, to be effective with the June 2022 billing cycle, shall be charged for the use and services of the natural gas system of the City for customers who have metered usage.

SECTION 4. Except to the extent amended by this ordinance, the provisions of Section 650.080 of the City's Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect and the definitions and other provisions contained in Chapter 650 – Natural Gas Service, shall be applicable to this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

Jerry Brown, Mayor

Michele Brown, City Clerk