

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-47

EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR THE STATE OF OHIO TO  
STRENGTHEN REQUIREMENTS FOR SITING NATURAL  
GAS PIPELINES TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SAFETY CRITERIA  
AND ENCOURAGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO  
ENACT LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, Ohio has a growing economic interest in the natural gas business, and high pressure natural gas pipelines are being installed around Ohio and the region to transmit this gas; and

WHEREAS, high pressure natural gas pipelines, if ruptured or damaged, may pose significant risk to public safety and the environment due to the high operating pressure and the highly flammable, explosive, and toxic properties of the products transported; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board has recognized that third-party damage and pipeline right-of-way encroachment are the biggest threats to pipeline safety; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Blue Ash is on record with its opposition the construction of the high-pressure Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Extension project, a high-pressure natural gas pipeline in the Blue Ash/Cincinnati area, due to its close proximity to homes, recreational facilities, schools and daycares, nursing homes, hospitals, churches, and other such high-density development; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Blue Ash desires to advocate for policies and regulations intended to reduce the likelihood of accidental damage to pipelines and to help reduce adverse impacts in the event of pipeline failure; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Blue Ash believes that the regulation of the proximity of high-pressure pipelines carrying potentially flammable liquids is desirable to preserve public safety and the environment and wishes to specifically advocate for minimum lot line distance requirements and other reasonable distance requirements based on zoning and building uses; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing applications for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to allow for siting of a new gas pipeline, the Ohio Power Siting Board relies on State law that utilizes several criteria, none of which is public safety.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio,

SECTION I.

The Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio recommends to the State of Ohio that legislation be passed consistent with laws in other states and local jurisdictions in states without home-rule limitations to require setbacks and other zoning and siting requirements as well as to pass legislation that adds public safety to the siting criteria for the Ohio Power Siting Board.

SECTION II.

This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect immediately upon its adoption as provided in Section 17.07 of Article XVII of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio.

PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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Thomas C. Adamec, Mayor

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Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Bryan E. Pacheco, Solicitor