## A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE APPLICATION OF THE AQUA OHIO, INC. WATER COMPANY FOR A RATE INCREASE

WHEREAS, Aqua Ohio, Inc., a provider of water to the residents of the City pursuant to an exclusive franchise granted it by the City of Ashtabula, has filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, for a rate increase or rate increases upon its customers of 9.2%;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, is of the opinion that the increase is not justified as it would allow the utility to earn an excessive rate of return on its valuation and would be detrimental to the residents and businesses of the said City of Ashtabula, Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the City Council of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, does for the foregoing reasons declare its opposition to the pending application of Aqua Ohio, Inc., to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, for the aforesaid rate increase.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Council of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, does hereby call upon the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to deny said application.

**SECTION 3.** That the Clerk of this Council is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio forthwith.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and related to the passage 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 the requirements of Section 10 of the Municipal Charter of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, and of R. C. Section 121.22.

**SECTION 5.** For the reasons stated in the preamble, this resolution, if approved by the votes of five (5) or more members of Council, shall take effect immediately, otherwise 30 days thereafter.

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