

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA GRANTING TO PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO USE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SAID FRANCHISE MAY BE EXERCISED; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Peoples Gas System is a public utility within the meaning set out in Florida Statutes § 366.02; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes § 337.401 grants the City the authority to authorize the placement and maintenance by a public utility of gas mains, lines, and associated facilities in the City's rights-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, Peoples Gas System and the City of Seminole have negotiated a non-exclusive natural gas franchise agreement authorizing Peoples Gas to place, operate, and maintain its natural gas facilities in the City's rights-of-way pursuant to terms and conditions acceptable to both Parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the granting of this franchise agreement is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents and businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Seminole, Florida, that:

**Section 1.** The franchise agreement between the City and Peoples Gas, which agreement is attached hereto and made part hereof, is hereby adopted and approved.

**Section 2.** The City Manager is authorized to execute any and all additional documents as the Parties may determine are necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance.

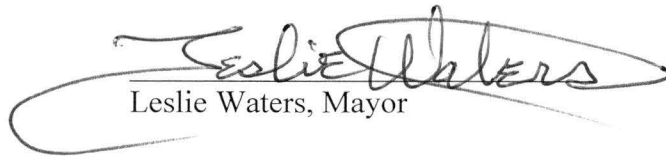
**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall not transmit this Ordinance to the codifier of the City's ordinances for codification.

**Section 4.** Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 166.041 (4), this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

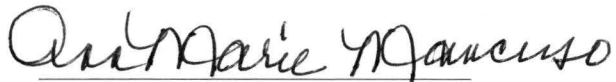
APPROVED ON FIRST READING: November 12, 2024

PUBLISHED: November 20, 2024

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING: December 3, 2024

  
Leslie Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
Jay Daigneault  
City Attorney

