

**CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Resolution No. 2022- **42**

Introduced By: Mr. Ali

**A RESOLUTION  
URGING THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE GAS PRICE GOUGING**

WHEREAS, gas prices are hitting record highs causing financial pain at the pump for millions of Americans, spurring questions about why fuel is so expensive; and

WHEREAS, extremely high gas prices have their root in the COVID-19 pandemic, with Russia's war on Ukraine causing a rapid spike pushing prices higher; and

WHEREAS, when demand for gas and oil plunged during the pandemic, OPEC and oil-producing nations cut production and as the global economy recovered OPEC was slow to ramp up production and is still lagging; and

WHEREAS, an emergency gives companies an excuse to spike their prices, then the emergency ends, and gas prices don't go back down; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government regulates most everything but the price of gas, higher gas prices fuel out of control inflation; and

WHEREAS, the cost of gasoline in some locations within the City of Middleburg Heights has risen by 50 cents overnight, increased gas prices hurt every resident and small business; and

WHEREAS, gas prices have purposely been raised before a high traffic holiday, this is price gouging in any other commodity market; and

WHEREAS, an increase in gasoline prices should be capped at no more than 5 cents in a 24-hour period and gasoline prices should not be increased between deliveries; and

WHEREAS, the Oil and Gas Industry Antitrust Act seeks to require the FTC to investigate whether the price of gasoline is being manipulated by reducing refinery capacity or by any other form of market manipulation or artificially increased by price gouging practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That this Council opposes inflated fuel prices and urges the FTC to investigate whether the price of gasoline is being manipulated or artificially increased by price gouging practices.

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating 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 actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Middleburg Heights Code and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed: 5/24/22

Attest: M. Meola  
Clerk of Council

Presented to Mayor: 5/25/22

	Yea	Nay
Bortolotto	<u>X</u>	_____
Ali	<u>X</u>	_____
Sage	<u>X</u>	_____
Meany	<u>X</u>	_____
McGregor	<u>X</u>	_____
Ference	<u>X</u>	_____
Grech	<u>X</u>	_____

David Bortolotto  
President of Council

Approved On: 5-25-22

Matthew Casella  
Mayor

I, Mary Ann Meola Clerk of the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., Ohio, hereby certify that Res. 2022-42 adopted by the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., on 5/24/22 was posted for a period of fifteen days, beginning 5/24/22 and remained so posted for fifteen days at the two posting places as designated by Charter.

Mary Ann Meola  
Clerk

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Mary Ann Meola Clerk of Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Res. 2022-42 passed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 by said Council.

Mary Ann Meola  
Clerk of Council