

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 3, "DEFINITIONS" OF EXHIBIT A, "ZONING ORDINANCE" OF CHAPTER 14, "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION PERTAINING TO VEHICLE REPAIR; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Azle is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Azle heretofore adopted the Zoning Ordinance of the City, codified in Chapter 14 of the City Code, which Ordinance regulates and restricts the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence and other purposes, and provides for the establishment of zoning districts of such number, shape and area as may be best suited to carry out these regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Azle, Texas held a public hearing on June 5, 2025, and the City Council of the City of Azle, Texas held a public hearing on August 18, 2025, with respect to the zoning ordinance changes described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of Azle, in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas and the ordinances of the City of Azle, have given requisite notice of publication and otherwise, and after holding due hearings and affording a full and fair hearing to all property owners generally and to all persons interested and situated in the affected area and in the vicinity thereof, and in the exercise of its legislative discretion have concluded that the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance should be amended as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1.

Section 3, "Definitions" of Exhibit A, "Zoning Ordinance" of Chapter 14, "Zoning" shall be amended to amend subsection 3.2 to add new definitions to read as follows:

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considered a Heavy Load Vehicle; including collision repair and painting and storage of vehicles for repair, and business use. Any outside storage of vehicles, equipment, or materials shall be required to be screened with a solid screening wall that has a minimum height of eight (8) feet. The sale of motor vehicles shall be prohibited.

HEAVY LOAD VEHICLE: A pickup truck or any other self-propelled vehicle having a Vehicle Classification of a Class 6 or greater per the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); or any towed vehicle with a manufacturer's Maximum Loaded Trailer Weight (MLTW) greater than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds or more than two (2) axles, such as flatbed trailers, utility trailers, and cargo trailers. Heavy Load Vehicle does not include Recreational Vehicles or Agricultural Vehicles and Equipment. The term "truck" shall be construed to mean "Heavy Load Vehicle" unless specifically stated otherwise. For dispute resolution, the owner shall provide proof of the weight of vehicle.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of Ordinances, City of Azle, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions are in direct conflict with the provisions of other ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of the other ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, refuses or fails to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5.

All rights and remedies of the City of Azle are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, City of Azle, Texas, as amended, which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the court.

SECTION 6.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law, and it is so ordained.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Azle, Texas, on September 2, 2025.

Mayor, Randa Goode

ATTEST:

Yael Hoffman, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (“ACSC”) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY’S 2025 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHMENT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC’S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC’S LEGAL COUNSEL.

WHEREAS, the City of Azle, Texas (“City”) is a gas utility customer of Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division (“Atmos Mid-Tex” or “Company”), and a regulatory authority with an interest in the rates, charges, and services of Atmos Mid-Tex; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”), a coalition of similarly-situated cities served by Atmos Mid-Tex (“ACSC Cities”) that have joined together to facilitate the review of, and response to, natural gas issues affecting rates charged in the Atmos Mid-Tex service area; and

WHEREAS, ACSC and the Company worked collaboratively to develop a Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) tariff that allows for an expedited rate review process by ACSC Cities as a substitute to the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (“GRIP”) process instituted by the

Legislature, and that will establish rates for the ACSC Cities based on the system-wide cost of serving the Atmos Mid-Tex Division; and

WHEREAS, the current RRM tariff was adopted by the City in a rate ordinance in 2018; and

WHEREAS, on about April 1, 2025, Atmos Mid-Tex filed its 2025 RRM rate request with ACSC Cities based on a test year ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, ACSC coordinated its review of the Atmos Mid-Tex 2025 RRM filing through its Executive Committee, assisted by ACSC's attorneys and consultants, to resolve issues identified in the Company's RRM filing; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, as well as ACSC's counsel and consultants, recommend that ACSC Cities approve an increase in base rates for Atmos Mid-Tex of \$205.6 million on a system-wide basis with an Effective Date of October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, ACSC agrees that Atmos' plant-in-service is reasonable; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of approved plant-in-service, ACSC is not foreclosed from future reasonableness evaluation of costs associated with incidents related to gas leaks; and

WHEREAS, the attached tariffs (Attachment 1) implementing new rates are consistent with the recommendation of the ACSC Executive Committee, are agreed to by the Company, and are just, reasonable, and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement sets a new benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits (Attachment 2); and

WHEREAS, the RRM Tariff contemplates reimbursement of ACSC's reasonable expenses associated with RRM applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings set forth in this Resolution are hereby in all things approved.

Section 2. That, without prejudice to future litigation of any issue identified by ACSC, the City Council finds that the settled amount of an increase in revenues of \$205.6 million on a system-wide basis represents a comprehensive settlement of gas utility rate issues affecting the rates, operations, and services offered by Atmos Mid-Tex within the municipal limits arising from Atmos Mid-Tex's 2025 RRM filing, is in the public interest, and is consistent with the City's authority under Section 103.001 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Section 3. That despite finding Atmos Mid-Tex's plant-in-service to be reasonable, ACSC is not foreclosed in future cases from evaluating the reasonableness of costs associated with incidents involving leaks of natural gas.

Section 4. That the existing rates for natural gas service provided by Atmos Mid-Tex are unreasonable. The new tariffs attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 1, are just and reasonable, and are designed to allow Atmos Mid-Tex to recover annually an additional \$205.6 million on a system-wide basis, over the amount allowed under currently approved rates. Such tariffs are hereby adopted.

Section 5. That the ratemaking treatment for pensions and retiree medical benefits in Atmos Mid-Tex's next RRM filing shall be as set forth on Attachment 2, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 6. That Atmos Mid-Tex shall reimburse the reasonable ratemaking expenses of the ACSC in processing the Company's 2025 RRM filing.

Section 7. That to the extent any resolution or ordinance previously adopted by the Council is inconsistent with this Resolution, it is hereby repealed.


Section 8. That the meeting at which this Resolution was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Section 9. That if any one or more sections or clauses of this Resolution is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, and the remaining provisions of the Resolution shall be interpreted as if the offending section or clause never existed.

Section 10. That consistent with the City Ordinance that established the RRM process, this Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage with rates authorized by attached tariffs to be effective for bills rendered on or after October 1, 2025.

Section 11. That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Atmos Mid-Tex, care of Chris Felan, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs Mid-Tex Division, Atmos Energy Corporation, 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1862, Dallas, Texas 75240, and to Thomas Brocato, General Counsel to ACSC, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE,
TEXAS, BY A VOTE OF ____ TO ____, ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____
_____, 2025.



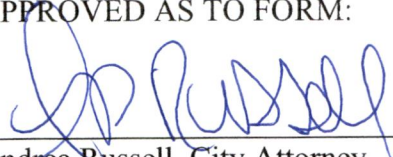
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