

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO UNIVERSAL NATURAL GAS, LLC, FOR USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A SYSTEM OF PIPELINES AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE PROVISION, DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF GAS TO CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH; REQUIRING EXECUTION OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH AND UNIVERSAL NATURAL GAS, LLC, REGARDING TERMS, CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH AND TO THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF PIPELINES AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE PROVISION, DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF GAS TO CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH; REGARDING THE MANNER AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO THE PROVISION, DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF GAS TO CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH; AND REGARDING REASONABLE COMPENSATION TO THE CITY OF FORT WORTH FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 121 of the Texas Utilities Code authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances that establish conditions for mapping, inventorying, locating, or relocating pipelines over, under, along, or across a public street or alley or private residential area in the boundaries of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Universal Natural Gas Services, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, ("**Company**") wishes to construct a system of pipelines and other facilities for the distribution and provision of gas and to distribute and provide gas to customers in the City of Fort Worth. In accordance with the City Charter and ordinances of the City, Company has applied for a franchise from the City in order to carry out those purposes; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Worth ("**City**") has reviewed Company's request to enter into a franchise agreement and determined that the granting of a franchise, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, will assist in meeting the increasing needs of gas by customers in the City and the need for competition in the provision and distribution of gas to those customers and potential lower rates for such gas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

