

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO CHARGE A FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT WHEN
FUEL COST EXCEEDS \$7.00 PER 1000 CUBIC FEET

ORDINANCE NO. 12-113

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham is currently experiencing difficulties due to the erratic cost of natural gas.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham has no procedure in place to try and offset the changing cost of natural gas.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham is not able to generate sufficient income when the cost of natural gas exceeds \$7.00 per 1000 cubic feet.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham feels a fuel adjustment is necessary to help defray the additional cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chatham, in legal session convened, that Ordinance Number 12-113 is hereby adopted so as to provide for the following:

SECTION 1. When the cost for the Town of Chatham for natural gas during any particular billing period exceeds \$7.00 per 1000 cubic feet, the Mayor shall be authorized to assess a fuel adjustment, for that particular billing period, to each gas customer in an amount that allows the Town of Chatham to recover the additional cost above \$7.00 per 1000 cubic feet.

SECTION 2. The Council for the Town of Chatham, by majority vote, can each month reject the Mayor's decision to assess a fuel adjustment or, at their option may by majority vote, reduce the rate of the fuel adjustment being assessed by the Mayor.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of its publication in the official journal.

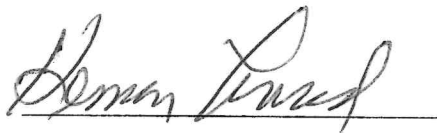
The above and foregoing ordinance having been offered by Judy Cooper and duly seconded by Marvin Davis, said ordinance having been read section by section, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole and adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: 4

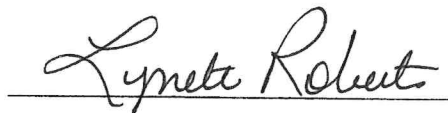
NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

And said ordinance was declared legally adopted on this 11th day of October, 2005.



Mayor



Clerk