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BILL NO. 57-2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-57

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR ALL CITY PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2026.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The following Tax Rate for All City Purposes is hereby adopted for 2026 and appropriations are hereby made to the various projects as indicated below.

SECTION 2. That a tax be paid and the same is hereby levied on all persons and real property within the said City subject to taxation for City purposes for the fiscal year, as follows:

Northampton County

Tax for the year 2026 for General City purposes, the sum of eight and sixty-one hundredths (8.61) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Public Safety purposes, the sum of six and seventy hundredths (6.70) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Debt purposes, the sum of three and ten hundredths (3.10) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Landfill Debt purposes, the sum of forty hundredths (.40) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Library purposes, the sum of eighty-three hundredths (.83) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Lehigh County

Tax for the year 2026 for General City purposes, the sum of two and seventy-two hundredths (2.72) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Public Safety purposes, the sum of two and twelve hundredths (2.12) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Debt purposes, the sum of ninety-eight hundredths (.98) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Landfill Debt purposes, the sum of thirteen hundredths (.13) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Library purposes, the sum of twenty-six hundredths (.26) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Purpose	Northampton County Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation	Lehigh County Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation
General	8.61	2.72
Public Safety	6.70	2.12
Debt	3.10	.98
Landfill Debt	.40	.13
Library	.83	.26
Total - All Purposes	19.64	6.21

SECTION 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance will take effect January 1, 2026.

Sponsored by: /s/ Holly S. Kerr

/s/ Lamont Smith

PASSED finally in Council this 16th day of December, 2025.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

This Ordinance was approved approved this 17th day of December, 2025.

/s/ _____
Mayor