



## CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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Robert J. Donchez  
Mayor

From: Robert J. Donchez, Mayor  
To: President Reynolds  
Date: April 16, 2015  
Re: 911 Resolution

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I am submitting a resolution regarding the recent legislation considered by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives concerning 911 funding.

As you know, there have been numerous discussions and memos regarding keeping Bethlehem and Allentown's 911 Center in operation.

I would appreciate if City Council would consider and pass a resolution in support of keeping Bethlehem and Allentown's 911 Centers independent and operational.

Attached is a copy of Allentown's Resolution and a draft of a proposed resolution for Bethlehem.

I would appreciate it if this would be placed on the April 21st City Council Agenda.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Donchez".

Robert J. Donchez  
Mayor

Cc: R. Donchez  
P. Fligge  
M. Diluzio  
B. Haffner  
W. Leeson  
City Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RESTORATION OF LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS THE CITIES OF BETHLEHEM AND ALLENTOWN TO RECEIVE FUNDING AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE 911 CENTERS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethlehem has provided 911 service to its residents since 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, Bethlehem has continued to be a leader in providing fast and efficient 911 services to its residents including Enhanced 911, Wireless 911, Text to 911, and now Next Generation 911 technologies which include recently upgraded phone, radio, and dispatch capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethlehem recognizes the need to be fiscally responsible with all public monies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has again taken a leadership role in the creation of a regional 911 initiative involving 13 PSAPs, whose goal is to share 911 services with the other Public Safety Answering Points in our area. The goal of the shared services effort is not only to enhance 911 services for the region, but also reduce the overall cost of the 911 system; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the firm opinion of this Council that any regional consolidation of 911 services should be evaluated and decided at a local level, not mandated by the Commonwealth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The City Council of Bethlehem strongly requests the legislators of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to restore the language that allows the Cities of Bethlehem and Allentown to receive funding and maintain control of their respective 911 Centers to the current Title 35 rewrite legislation.

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION

R\_\_\_\_ - 2015

*Introduced by the Administration on XXXXX, 2015*

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Title 35, 9-1-1 Service Legislative Rewrite

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*Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That*

WHEREAS, The City of Allentown has provided 9-1-1 service to its residents since 1973"; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the City of Allentown has continued to be a leader in providing fast and efficient 9-1-1 services including Enhanced 9-1-1, Wireless 9-1-1, Text to 9-1-1, and now Next Generation 9-1-1 technologies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Allentown recognizes the need to be fiscally responsible with all public monies; and

WHEREAS, The City has again taken a leadership role and begun to participate in regional shared 9-1-1 services with the other Public Safety Answering Points in our area. The goal of the shared services effort is to not only enhance 9-1-1 services for the region, but also reduce the overall cost of the 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, It is the firm opinion of this Council that any regional consolidation of 9-1-1 services should be evaluated and decided at a local level, not mandated by the Commonwealth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. The City Council of Allentown strongly requests the legislators of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania restore the language that allows the Cities of Allentown and Bethlehem to receive funding and maintain control of their respective 9-1-1 Centers to the current Title 35 rewrite legislation.