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Ms. Louise M. Kelchner, City Clerk  
City of Bethlehem, City Hall  
10 East Church Street  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

**RE: Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Various  
City of Bethlehem  
Northampton County**

Dear Ms. Kelchner:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Comprehensive Planning Committee considered the subject amendments at its April 28, 2015 meeting pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). The Commission finds that the amendments do not conflict with the County Comprehensive Plan.

Consistent with our comments on February 27, 2015, we suggest including a "Maximum Impervious Coverage" column for all residential zoning districts in addition to the proposed RR and RS district changes. This is for consistency across all residential districts, following a similar convention used for other non-residential zoning districts in the ordinance. Ultimately, the percent coverage is a matter of local concern. The recommendation is simply that a "Maximum Impervious Coverage" exists for all districts in the ordinance.

If you have any additional questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to call. Kindly send a copy of the final amended zoning ordinance that is adopted by the City, per requirements of the MPC. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Gabriel F. Hurtado  
Community Planner

cc: Darlene Heller, AICP, Director of Planning and Zoning  
John Spirk, Jr., Esq., City Council Solicitor  
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