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Darlene Heller, AICP
Director of Planning and Zoning
10 East Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

**RE: Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Short Term Lodging
City of Bethlehem
Northampton County**

Dear Ms. Heller:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's (LVPC) Comprehensive Planning Committee considered the proposed zoning ordinance amendment at its meeting on January 28, 2020, pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).

The proposed zoning ordinance amendment considers introduction of standards for 'short term lodging', an emerging national trend. The LVPC staff found the draft amendment to be generally consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan, FutureLV, finding that the proposed amendment poses no substantial impact to the region. The LVPC further encourages the City to consider economic impacts that short term lodging is likely to have, and whether the proposed standards are appropriate to support this use in a capacity which expands 'small business and entrepreneurship' (Policy 4.2).

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 Council, per the requirements of the MPC. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Samantha Smith
Chief Community Planner

cc: Eric Evans, City Administrator