

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM  
APPROVING THE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING  
CHOICE AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE ANALYSIS OF  
IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE WITH THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethlehem receives funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and pursuant to 24 CFR § 91.225, and as a condition to receiving funds, the City of Bethlehem annually certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing; and

**WHEREAS**, such certification serves as the City's acknowledgment that it accepts the obligation to promote fair housing within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City carries out its certification by implementing a process to address the following three (3) components of the certification: 1) Conducting an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction; 2) Taking appropriate action to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis; and 3) Maintaining records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, in conjunction with the Cities of Allentown and Easton, and Northampton County, have prepared the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; and

**WHEREAS**, drafts of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) was on public display from June 14, 2021 through July 16, 2021, the City was a part of a larger public outreach process and held meetings on the said AI and the comments of various agencies, groups, and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to confirm its continuing commitment to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice in the City of Bethlehem, which includes a commitment to and the requirement to equally enforce all zoning and other laws regarding accessibility of housing in its jurisdiction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, LEHIGH/NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Council hereby approves and adopts the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and confirms the City's continued commitment to affirmatively further fair housing through the following activities:

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Bethlehem has conducted an Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Choice within its jurisdiction; and

**SECTION 2.** That the City of Bethlehem will take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through the Analysis; and

**SECTION 3.** That the Administrator, on behalf of the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is authorized to file the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**ADOPTED INTO A RESOLUTION THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, PA.**

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ATTEST:**

**BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL**

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City Clerk

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President of City Council

**City of Bethlehem Signature Page:**

I hereby certify that this FY 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is in compliance with the intent and directives of the Community Development Block Grant Program regulations.

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Robert J. Donchez, Mayor, City of Bethlehem, PA

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Date