

RESOLUTION 2023-_____

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO
53 Pa. C.S.A. §2307 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
BETHLEHEM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem is a municipal corporation being a City of the Third-Class, subject to the Optional Third-Class City Charter Law, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its constituent parts being split by law between Northampton County and Lehigh County, Pennsylvania with principal administrative offices at City Hall, 10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 (hereinafter referred to as “City”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, the City established a Police Department (hereinafter referred to as “BPD”) which is responsible for all police services required for the protection of the residents of the City, along with Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County District Attorney’s Office, headed by the Northampton County District Attorney (the “NCDA”), is responsible for prosecuting all crimes committed within Northampton County, and is responsible for the prosecution of criminal matters at all stages of the process, including preliminary hearings, pre-trial conferences, guilty pleas, trials, appeals, and collateral proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County District Attorney’s Office works closely with local police agencies, including the BPD, to investigate crimes that have occurred within Northampton County and to file criminal charges; and

WHEREAS, the BPD desires to enter into the Northampton County District Attorney’s Multijurisdictional Major Crimes Task Force Agreement attached hereto, (the “Agreement”) for the purpose of joining the multijurisdictional authority known as the Northampton County Major Crimes Task Force, which will direct its primary enforcement efforts in the areas of (1) investigations concerning individuals engaged in illicit criminal activities with specific emphasis on homicides, robberies, gun violence and gang activity, (2) development of intelligence data regarding criminal activity in the area, and (3) dissemination of intelligence activities to the appropriate federal, state and local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the BPD’s involvement in the Agreement shall become effective on the date the City signs the Agreement and shall continue until terminated by the NCDA or the City upon a 30-day written notification to the other party.

WHEREAS, the Agreement further addresses the manner and extent of funding the obligations of the Agreement, and the organizational structure and operational procedures necessary to implement the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this ____ day of _____, 2023, that the City Council of the City of Bethlehem, approves and ratifies the Intergovernmental Agreement attached hereto and that the Mayor and the Controller and/or such other City officials as deemed appropriate by the City Solicitor, are hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City of Bethlehem and its Police Department.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this ____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk