

RESOLUTION 2025-_____

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

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 District Attorney of Northampton County (the “NCDA”) formed a county-wide Drug Task Force for the purpose of combating illegal drugs in a unified and coordinated manner in Northampton County; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual interest of the Northampton County Drug Task Force and the participating municipalities in Northampton County to pool their efforts, share their intelligence and consolidate their operations in combating illegal drugs in a unified and coordinated manner in Northampton County; and

WHEREAS, the City and BPD desire to enter into the Northampton County Drug Task Force Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Participating Municipal Police Departments attached hereto, (the “Agreement”) for the purpose of participating in the Northampton County Drug Task Force by the assignment of an officer(s) of BPD on duty to assist said Northampton County Drug Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the City and BPD’s involvement in the Agreement shall become effective when approved by the City and the NCDA and shall continue until terminated by the City or NCDA upon a 30-day written notification to the other party, or in the event of a claimed default of the terms of the Agreement in ten (10) days, by giving a ten (10) day prior written notice 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 _____, 2025, 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 _____, 2025.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk