

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PALMER TOWNSHIP ACT 537  
SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, NORTHAMPTON AND LEHIGH COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA (hereinafter “the municipality”).

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, known as the “Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act”, as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, requires the municipality to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality, and

WHEREAS, Palmer Township has prepared an Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update to evaluate sewage management within the Sheridan Drive Pump Station service area within Palmer Township, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Area is located within the Lehigh River watershed, which is classified by PADEP as Warm Water Fishes, Migratory Fishes (WWF, MF), and

WHEREAS, the Selected Alternative to be implemented includes constructing a sewer extension to the Bethlehem Township collection and conveyance system, which is owned and operated by the Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority (BTMA). Wastewater will then be further conveyed to the City of Bethlehem’s WWTP for treatment and disposal, which is also located within the Lehigh River watershed. This sewer extension will eliminate the need for the Sheridan Drive Pump Station in its entirety. The Selected Alternative is proposed to be implemented by December 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Selected Alternative will be financed directly through Palmer Township and will not impact and/or establish user rates, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bethlehem of Northampton and Lehigh Counties, has found the Palmer Township Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update adequate for the wastewater disposal and management needs of the City and hereby adopts the Palmer Township Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update, as a revision to the Official Plan of the municipality. The City of Bethlehem hereby assures the Department of the proper and

timely implementation of the revised Plan as required by law. (Section 5, Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act as amended).

Sponsored by /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED by Council this       day of       , 2025.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

I, Tad J. Miller, City Clerk of the City of Bethlehem hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 2025-\_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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