



March 9, 2026

Council President Rachel Leon,

The City of Bethlehem EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN for a declared disaster needs to be updated every 2 years according to Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in Harrisburg, Pa. Most of the changes are phone contact numbers and minor plan updates.

I am requesting that the members of Bethlehem City Council adopt a Resolution on this matter.

Thank you for your time on this matter and if you have any questions, Please feel free to contact me at 610-865-7140.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief Matthew Griffin  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
City of Bethlehem

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's Emergency Management Service Code (35 Pa. C.S.A. Section 7101-7707), also known as P.L. 1332, directs and authorizes each political subdivision of the Commonwealth to establish a local Emergency Management Agency and develop a comprehensive emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, each Emergency Management Agency shall have the responsibility for emergency management activities involving mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Bethlehem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor, J. William Reynolds, is hereby authorized to adopt the City of Bethlehem Emergency Operations Plan, dated March 17, 2026, which has been developed to outline basic operations and procedures to be implemented in the event of an incident either man-made or natural that requires a coordinated response.

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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

ATTEST:

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