

RESOLUTION 2026-_____

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING PURSUANT TO 53 Pa. C.S.A. §2307 BY
AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT HOMELAND SECURITY
INVESTIGATIONS.**

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 U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS (the “HSI”) is organized pursuant to federal law under the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, HSI and City, by and through the BPD, desire to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto, (the “MOU”) for the purpose of cooperation and coordination between the parties related to and governing the use of HSI designations by certain employees of the BPD, except that HSI is not conveying the authority to enforce administrative violations of immigration law; and

WHEREAS, the MOU shall become effective on the date the last party signs the MOU and shall continue until terminated by either party upon a 30-day written notification to the other party.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this ____ day of _____, 2026, that the City Council of the City of Bethlehem, approves and ratifies the Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding 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 /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this ____ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

City Clerk