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Office of the City Clerk  
City of Bethlehem  
10 East Church Street  
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**Re: Request for Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer**  
**Transferee: Forza Corporation**  
**Location: 217 Broadway, Bethlehem, PA 18015**

Dear Mr. Miller:

We act for Forza Corporation ("Forza").

Please consider this correspondence as a request for an intermunicipal transfer of liquor license into the City of Bethlehem (the "City of Bethlehem") at the above location, pursuant to Section 4-461(b.3), Title 47 of the Pennsylvania Code. Under this statute, please note that a public hearing (duly advertised) must be held by the municipal governing body for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations of interested individuals residing within the municipality relative to Forza's application. In addition, the Bethlehem City Council ("City Council") must render a decision within 45 days of the request.

In our experience, the hearings have been conducted at a legislative forum to ascertain whether moving the license into the City of Bethlehem, at a particular location, would adversely affect the welfare, health, peace, and morals of the City of Bethlehem. Typically, hearings of this sort do not occur at their own times. Rather, City Council ordinarily lists requests such as Forza's as agenda items of regular City of Bethlehem business. Further, hearings normally occur as the first order of business or immediately before the start of the regular meeting of City Council.

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We respectfully request that City Council list this matter on the agenda for the January 5, 2026, City Council meeting to permit Forza and the City of Bethlehem to meet all legal requirements. Forza proposes to transfer the liquor license to 217 Broadway, City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Site"). We welcome City Council to review zoning records and the prior submission of building plans in this regard.

Renovations are not yet set to begin, as the same is dependent on outcome of this intermunicipal transfer request. Shortly, we will forward the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Transfer Application. Further, we include herewith the following: (1) Notice of the Hearing that Forza proposes to post at the Site; (2) a draft Resolution approving the transfer; and (3) a check in the amount of \$200.00 representing the City of Bethlehem's fees. If additional fees are necessary, please advise and we will promptly forward the same.

By copy of this correspondence, we are providing Stephanie J. Steward, Esquire, City Council Solicitor, with a copy of this request.

Please do confirm whether the hearing date we propose herein is acceptable to the City Council.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or seek additional information regarding Forza's proposal prior to the hearing, please do contact me.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

**LAHOUD LAW GROUP, P.C.**



Nicolo S. Baratta, Esquire

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cc: Stephanie J. Steward, Esquire

Enclosures

**NOTICE OF FILING OF INTERMUNICIPAL  
LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST WITH THE CITY  
OF BETHLEHEM, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to City of Bethlehem Resolution No. 2012-114 that a request for intermunicipal transfer of liquor license has been filed with the City of Bethlehem for the transfer of a restaurant liquor license to property located at 217 Broadway, City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The request was filed on behalf of Forza Corporation, 217 Broadway, City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This request and information in connection with the proposed Transfer Application to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board can be reviewed during normal business hours at the offices of Nicolo S. Baratta, Esquire, Lahoud Law Group, P.C., 600 Hamilton Street, Suite 300, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101; telephone 484-544-0022.

The City of Bethlehem Council will conduct a Public Hearing regarding this request during the City Council Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2025, at 7:00PM, at Bethlehem City Hall (Town Hall), 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018.

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND AND  
PROVIDE COMMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 –**

**WHEREAS**, Section 461 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code (47 P.S. 4-461, hereinafter "Code") authorizes, among other things, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (hereinafter "PLCB") to approve the transfer of liquor licenses across municipal boundaries within the same county and under certain conditions to issue restaurant and eating place retail dispenser licenses without regard to quota restrictions for the purpose of economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, subsection (b.3) of Section 461 requires that an intermunicipal transfer or issuance of a new license for economic development must, under certain conditions, first be approved by the governing body of the receiving municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, that subsection also requires that a receiving municipality issue a resolution approving or disapproving the intermunicipal transfer or issuance of a new liquor license prior to submission of an application for such transfer to the PLCB; and

**WHEREAS**, that subsection mandates that, prior to adoption of such a resolution, at least one hearing be held for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations from interested individuals residing within the receiving municipality concerning the intent to transfer the license into the municipality or the issuance of an economic development license; and

**WHEREAS**, Forza Corporation owns or leases property at 217 Broadway, City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA and intends to operate a restaurant at such location; and

**WHEREAS**, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 and pursuant to Section 461, the Applicant's request was received for approval by City Council, City of Bethlehem, Northampton County (hereinafter "Council") of a proposed intermunicipal transfer of Retail Restaurant Liquor License No. R-8050. The license was previously issued to Easton Meat & Produce Corp for licensed premises located at 250 Line Street, City of Easton, Northampton County; and

**WHEREAS**, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 and in accordance with Section 461(b.3) Council held a public hearing on the proposed liquor license transfer; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Resolution is to comply with Code Section 461 (b.3)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania as follows:

(1) Applicant seeks approval of an intermunicipal transfer of Retail Restaurant Liquor License No. R-8050, which was previously issued to Easton Meat & Produce Corp for licensed premises located at 250 Line Street, City of Easton, Northampton County to 217 Broadway, City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA, pursuant to Code Section 461.

(2) Applicant proposes to, and will, operate at the aforescribed location.

(3) The Applicant's proposal is a permitted use at this location.

(4) The Applicant's proposed restaurant is in a Commercial zoning district.

(5) There is no evidence that the proposed, intermunicipal transfer will adversely affect the welfare, health, peace and morals of this City or the residents hereof.

(6) Council hereby approves the Applicant's request for an intermunicipal transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor License No. R-8050 pursuant to Code Section 461 (b.3).

(7) The transfer of the Liquor License contemplated hereby is subject to final approval by the PLCB.

Sponsored By:

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

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President of Council

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk