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, Gatehouse Licensee LLC is an affiliate of the owner of 413 E. 3rd Street, City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA and intends to operate a restaurant at such location; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2026 and pursuant to Section 461, 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-11842. The license was previously issued Ashley's Signature Restaurant for licensed premises located at 229 N 11th St, City of Easton, Northampton County; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 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-11842, which was previously issued to Ashley's Signature Restaurant for licensed premises located at 229 N 11th St, City of Easton, Northampton County to 413 E. 3rd Street, City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA, pursuant to Code Section 461.

(2) Applicant proposes to, and will, operate at the aforedescribed 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-11842 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: /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk