



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 30168

RESOLUTION

R37 – 2021

Introduced by the Administration on March 17, 2021

A Resolution Of The Governing Board Of Allentown City, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing, Empowering And Directing The Proper Officers Of The Governing Board To Appoint A Liaison Between It And Berkheimer, The Duly Appointed Collector Of Local Taxes For The District, For The Express Purpose Of Sharing Confidential Tax Information With The District For Official Purposes

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Act No. 511 of the 1965 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (53 P.S. §6901 et seq.), enacted December 31, 1965, and effective January 1, 1966, authorizes certain political subdivisions, including Allentown City, Lehigh County, to provide for the creation of such bureaus or the appointment and compensation of such officers, clerks, collectors and other assistants and employees as may be deemed necessary for the assessment and collection of taxes imposed under the authority of that Act; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City, Lehigh County, has entered into contractual agreement with Berkheimer of Bangor, Pennsylvania, whereby and whereunder appointed Berkheimer to collect certain local taxes; and

WHEREAS, said Act 511 specifically mandates that any information gained by the appointed tax officer, his agents or by any other official or agent of the taxing district, as a result of any declarations, returns, investigations, hearings or verifications required or authorized by the taxing municipality's ordinance or resolution, be kept confidential, except for official purposes; and

WHEREAS, any person who divulges any information which is confidential under the provisions of any ordinance or resolution, upon conviction may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment, upon conviction, and dismissal from office or discharge from employment; and

WHEREAS, Berkheimer requires passage of a resolution by the governing body of Allentown City, Lehigh County specifying that said confidential information is needed for official purposes and absolving Berkheimer from any liability in connection with the release of said confidential information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Allentown City, Lehigh County hereby appoints Seth O'Neill, Finance Director; Jessica Baraket, Deputy Finance Director; Tricia Dickert, Revenue and Audit Manager; Bina Patel, Treasury Manager; Michael Sinclair, Accountant, Audrey Danek, Financial Analyst as its authorized representative to make requests upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for Allentown City, as desired and deemed necessary by Allentown City, to be used for official purposes only; and

2. Berkheimer is hereby directed to provide and/or transmit any and all tax information and records, or any portion thereof, relating to the collection of taxes for the Allentown City, upon request, to Seth O'Neill, Finance Director; Jessica Baraket, Deputy Finance Director; Tricia Dickert, Revenue and Audit Manager; Bina Patel, Treasury Manager; Michael Sinclair, Accountant, Audrey Danek, Financial Analyst as the authorized contact representative for it.

3. Allentown City, Lehigh County hereby saves harmless, indemnifies and/or absolves Berkheimer from and against any and all liability in connection with the release of said confidential information.

RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ADOPTED at a meeting held on the Seventeenth day of March, 2021.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Mota	X	
Joshua Siegel	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Julio A. Guridy, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30168 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 17th day of March, 2021, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.


 City Clerk