



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No.       

**RESOLUTION**

**R8 - 2026**

**Introduced by the Administration on January 21, 2026**

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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.

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**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 Bina Patel, Finance Director; Michael Zumas, Revenue and Audit Manager; Erika Strohler, Treasury Manager; Michael Sinclair, Senior Accountant; Xuemei Lu, Senior Accountant; Martina Sell, Financial Analyst; Erica DeLeon, Financial Analyst; Bobby Skyriotis, Financial Analyst; Jennifer Palenchar, Financial Analyst; as authorized representatives 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 Bina Patel, Finance Director; Michael Zumas, Revenue and Audit Manager; Erika Strohler, Treasury Manager; Michael Sinclair, Senior Accountant; Xuemei Lu, Senior Accountant; Martina Sell, Financial Analyst; Erica DeLeon, Financial Analyst; Bobby Skyriotis, Financial Analyst; Jennifer Palenchar, 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 twenty-first day of January, 2026.