CITY OF ALLENTOWN

Introduced by the Administration on March 2, 2016

Property to Be Acquired by Eminent Domain by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Allentown by Ordinance No. 12323, dated September 20, 1978, created a Vacant Property Review Committee within the City of Allentown pursuant to Section 12.1(b) of Act No. 94 of 1978 and Section 401 of Ordinance No. 11787, as amended, known as the Administrative Code of the City of Allentown; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown Blighted Property Review Committee, on April 21, 2015, and the Allentown City Planning Commission, on May 12, 2015, made a determination that a certain vacant property was blighted pursuant to the provisions of Section 1712.1 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown Blighted Property Review Committee, on September 15, 2015, and the Allentown City Planning Commission, on October 13, 2015, certified that a certain vacant property was blighted pursuant to the provisions of Section 1712.1 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, funds are being made available through previously programmed Allentown Community Development Block Grant Funds to provide for the acquisition of blighted properties as defined and identified in accordance with Section 1712.1 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the subject property or agents designated by the owner for the receipt of services within the municipality have been served with notice of the determination that the property is blighted, together with an appropriate order to eliminate the conditions causing the blight and notification that failure to do so may render the property subject to condemnation in accordance with the provisions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, owners of the subject property were given the right to appeal the determination of blight and the subject property was certified to the Redevelopment Authority as blighted until the time period for appeal had expired and no appeal had been taken or if taken, the appeal has been disposed of, and the owner or his or her agent failed to comply with the order to eliminate the conditions causing the blight.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Allentown that the following property is to be acquired through eminent domain, if necessary, by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown:

621 W Gordon Street