



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 5

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Introduced by the Administration on January 15, 2020

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Allentown Authorizing the Preparation and Submission of Declarations of Taking and Related Documentation pursuant to the Eminent Domain Code of 1964, as amended, to Acquire Certain Property at 1709 Oxford Drive, Allentown, PA 18103, identified by the Lehigh County Assessment Office as Parcel Number 549555288036

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is a Third Class Home Rule City organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is authorized to acquire private property for an authorized public purpose under the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code of 1964, as amended;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the parcel at 1709 Oxford Drive would be beneficial for public recreation and entertainment purposes for the residents of and visitors to the City of Allentown and the Lehigh Valley as part of future plans for the adjacent Percy Ruhe Park; and

WHEREAS, City Council has further determined that in order to make the intended improvements, it is necessary that 1709 Oxford Drive, Allentown, PA 18103, be acquired through appropriate means, including, if necessary, by the exercise of eminent domain,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

1. The Solicitor or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to pursue, acquisition of 1709 Oxford Drive, Allentown, PA 18103, through appropriate means, including, but not limited to eminent domain proceedings, and to execute appropriate legal documents to carry out the intent of this resolution.

2. The Solicitor or his designee is hereby authorized to file such Declarations of Taking and related documents with the Clerk of Judicial Records and the Recorder of Deeds in and for Lehigh County and to take such other steps as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.