



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. R23

RESOLUTION

- 2021

Introduced by the Administration on February 17, 2021

Authorizes the Administration to Prepare and Submit to the Court a Declaration of Taking and Related Documentation pursuant to the Eminent Domain Code of 1964, as amended, to Acquire a Bikeway Easement Interest in a Portion of the Property Located 201 North Jordan Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102 identified by the Lehigh County Assessment Office as Parcel Number 640724083828

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is a Home Rule City of the Third Class 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, 26 Pa.C.S § 101, et. seq., and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined a 96 square foot portion of the parcel located at 201 North Jordan Street in Allentown (the "Parcel") would be beneficial for the public purpose of constructing and maintaining a 10- foot wide paved multi- use path for walking and bicycling known as the Jordan Creek Greenways Trail between Turner Street and MacArthur Road that will connect Jordan Park West, Jordan Park and Jordan Meadows Park to Center City Allentown; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined that in order to make the intended improvements, it is necessary that the Parcel be acquired through appropriate means, including, if necessary, 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 the Parcel it is necessary through appropriate means, including, but not limited to, eminent domain proceedings and to execute any and all appropriate legal documents to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

2. The Solicitor or his designee is hereby authorized to file such a Declaration of Taking and all 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.

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