



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

**R192 - 2023**

***Introduced by the Administration on November 1, 2023***

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Authorizes the City of Allentown to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage facilities adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality.

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537 known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act", as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("the Department") adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, required municipalities to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage facilities adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, AECOM has prepared an Act 537 Special Study ("the Special Study") which provides for an increase in the organic design capacity at the City of Bethlehem's Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, portions of City of Allentown are served by the City of Bethlehem's Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the selected alternative of the Special Study is the installation of a Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment (CEPT) system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Allentown has found the Special Study adequate for the wastewater disposal and management needs of the municipality and hereby adopts the Special Study known as the City of Bethlehem Act 537 Special Study, dated June 2023, as a revision to the Official Plan of the municipality. The Council of the City of Allentown hereby assures the Department of the proper and timely implementation of the Special Study as set forth therein.

## Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Public Works – Engineering

- Summary and facts of the bill.

In summary, this bill authorizes the City of Allentown to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage facilities adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

This bill would authorize the City to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan because portions of Allentown are served by the City of Bethlehem's Waste Water Treatment Plan.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

An Act 537 Special Study was prepared which provides for an increase in the organic design capacity at the City of Bethlehem's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no cost to this resolution.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The benefit would be that Allentown would adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan that provides for sewage facilities adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality.

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

N/A

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

Because portions of the City of Allentown are served by the City of Bethlehem's Waste Water Treatment Plant, it is necessary to have a resolution that authorizes the City of Allentown to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan.