CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 16185

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 1- 2026

JANUARY 13, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, confirming that the budget submitted by the Mayor to the City Clerk on January 1, 2026, being the same budget as submitted by the Mayor to City Council on October 16, 2025 is the 2026 Budget adopted by City Council.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the 2026 City Budget shall be as provided for in the City Council Bills introduced on November 5, 2025: No. 84-2025 (Budget and Tax Rate), Bill No. 85-2025 (Building Code Fund), Bill No. 86-2025 (Liquid Fuels Fund), Bill No. 87-2025 (Rental Unit Fund), Bill No. 88-2025 (Solid Waste Fund and Fee), Bill No. 89-2025 (Stormwater Fund and Fee), and Bill No. 90-2025 (Trexler Fund).

SECTION TWO: That all tax rates are levied, fees and funds are established, and appropriations are made as provided for in Bill Nos. 84-2025, 85-2025, 86-2025, 87-2025, 88-2025, 89-2025, and 90-2025.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: this Ordinance takes effect January 13, 2026.

AMENDMENT: (Gerlach, seconded by Santos) That Bill 1 should include all of the items that are listed and all of the amended items that Council previously voted on which are included in Bill 2 with the exception of pulling out the Garbage Fee Reduction passed, 7 – 0.

- $100,000 allocated to the Health Department, according to the budget request from the Homeless Commission, taken from the closing fund balance: (Gerlach, Santos, Mota, Affa) - $100,000 would go to the 46 account in the Federal Fund Budget with the following items so designated: Hotel Funding ($50,000), Access to Restrooms, Clean drinking and outdoor hydration stations (21,500); gift cards for volunteer compensation ($8,500, laundry resources ($10,000); animal and kennel services ($10,000)

- Page 4 of City Budget: Increase RACA Reimb Revenue by $100,000 to capture new revenue received from the Redevelopment Authority.

  000-*-45239 $100,000

- Page 5 of City Budget: Increase Miscellaneous Revenue by $18,000 to capture new revenue received from the Leonard Parker Pool organization.

  000-*-46170 $18,000

- Page 33 & 34 City Budget: Correct three (3) step and/or title errors discovered in 2026 Position Budgeting model for the Deputy Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, and Senior Paralegal (Office Administration). From: To:

  21N Assistant Solicitor $123,670 21N Deputy Solicitor $120,745
  20N Assistant Solicitor $228,245 20N Assistant Solicitor $230,474
  15N Senior Paralegal $84,760 15N Senior Paralegal $86,926
  (Office Administration)

- Creation of Deputy Director Position, 18A, $96,850 and changing the Senior HR Generalist position to Operations Specialist 13A, $79,010 (from 14, savings of 3,176).

- General CED - Director Administration Housing Enforcement and Compliance Manager 14F Housing Operations Manager 16E 6,355 General CED-Building Std Program Manager 10C Project Manager 13A 7,582 General CED-Planning Senior Planner - 25% 13D Chief Planner 15C 1,383 Grant CED-Planning Senior Planner - 75% 13D Chief Planner 15C 4,148 Rental CED - Rental - Bldg Std N/A N/A Workflow Coordinator 11A 71,056 Building Code CED - Building Code - Bldg Std Building and Construction Superintendent 16J Codes Administrator 14A (28,597)

- Changing the title of the position in Council's proposed 2026 budget to Public Affairs and Policy Officer rather than Legislative and Community Engagement Specialist.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Jeremy Binder	X	
Ce Ce Gerlach		X
Cynthia Y. Mota		X
Cristian Pungo	X	
Natalie Santos		X
Santo Napoli, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	4	3

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on January 13, 2026 and signed by the Mayor on January 14, 2026.

Michael R. Hale

CITY CLERK

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 84 - 2025

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the General Fund, Administrative Order Fund, Risk Management Fund, Debt Service Fund, Equipment Fund, and Golf Fund Budgets for 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the following financial program is hereby adopted for the year 2026, and appropriations are made to the various departments as indicated in the section below.

SECTION TWO: That the sum of One Hundred Fifty Million, Six Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Nineteen ($150,648,719) Dollars, net of a planned vacancy factor of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand ($2,400,000) Dollars, be hereby appropriated as follows:

Vacancy Factor	(2,400,000)
To Non-Departmental Offices	4,136,722
To the Department of Finance	17,753,866
To the Department of Public Works	15,677,757
To the Department of Police	51,829,371
To the Department of Fire	32,929,691
To the Department of Human Resources	2,186,280
To the Department of Management Systems	6,933,855
To the Department of Parks and Recreation	8,531,317
To the Department of Community and Economic Dev	13,069,860

SECTION THREE: That a tax for general revenue be levied for the fiscal year, beginning the first Monday of January, A.D., 2026, upon all real, personal and mixed property within the limits of the said City, taxable according to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, the valuation of such property to be taken from the assessed valuation of the taxable property under the provisions of the law regulating the same, at the rate of Four and Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three Thousandth (4.5293) mills on improvements and Twenty-Four and Four Thousand Seven Hundred Five Thousandth (24.4705) mills on land.

SECTION FOUR: That an appropriation in the sum of One Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Twenty ($1,118,020) Dollars is hereby made to the Lease/Administrative Order Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION FIVE: That an appropriation in the sum of Thirty-Three Million Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight ($33,099,358) Dollars is hereby made to the Risk Management Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION SIX: That an appropriation in the sum of Eight Million Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen ($8,366,213) Dollars is hereby made to the Debt Obligation as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION SEVEN: That an appropriation in the sum of One Million Two Hundred Forty-Six Thousand ($1,246,000) Dollars is hereby made to the Equipment Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION EIGHT: That an appropriation in the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven ($2,909,797) Dollars is hereby made to the Golf Course Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget".

SECTION NINE: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION TEN: That this Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 85 - 2025

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Building Code Fund Budget for 2026 for Community and Economic Development per Chapter 270 of City code for Building Fees.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That an appropriation in the sum of Three Million Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen ($3,220,516) Dollars is hereby made to the Building Code Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION TWO: That Chapter 270, Community and Economic Development Fees Ordinance of the City of Allentown, and the same is hereby amended establishing the Building Fees outlined therein.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 86 – 2025

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Liquid Fuels Fund Budget for 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That an appropriation in the sum of Four Million Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One ($4,382,781) Dollars is hereby made to the Liquid Fuels Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION TWO: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 87 - 2025

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Rental Unit Licensing Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 1759 – Landlord and Rental Fee by maintaining the Residential Rental Fees.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That an appropriation in the sum of Three Million Ninety-Three Thousand Five Hundred Eleven ($3,093,511) Dollars is hereby made to the Rental Unit Licensing Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION TWO: That Section 1759, Landlord and Rental of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, be and the same is hereby amended establishing the Residential Rental Fees outlined therein.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 88 - 2025

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 1131, Municipal Waste Storage, Collection and Disposal by increasing the Solid Waste Fee at Seven Hundred Forty ($740) Dollars.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That an appropriation in the sum of Twenty-Eight Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Six ($28,962,186) Dollars is hereby made to the Solid Waste Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION TWO: That Section 1131.02, Authorization of City Contractor(s); Scope of Work; Fee, Subsection (C), Municipal Waste and Recycling Fee, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, be and the same is hereby amended establishing the Solid Waste Fee at Seven Hundred Forty ($740) Dollars.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 89 - 2025

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and adopting the Stormwater Fund Budget for 2026 and amending Article 393.15 – Stormwater Utility Fee by maintaining the Stormwater Utility Fee at Twenty ($20) Dollars per Five Hundred (500) square feet of impervious surface.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That an appropriation in the sum of Six Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Two ($6,510,852) Dollars is hereby made to the Stormwater Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION TWO: That Section 951.03, Imposition of Stormwater Utility Fee of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, be and the same is hereby amended establishing the Stormwater Utility Fee as Twenty ($20) Dollars per Five Hundred (500) square feet of impervious surface.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 90 – 2025

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Trexler Fund Budget for 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That an appropriation in the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ten ($1,933,710) Dollars is hereby made to the Trexler Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2026 Budget."

SECTION TWO: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2026.