RESOLUTION NO. 25

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ntroduced in Council on above date and

eferred to Committee on March 19,

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ARMY CORPS ENGINEERS AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA FOR AN ACCELERATED LEVEE SYSTEM EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP).

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a federal government program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that provides flood insurance to property owners, renters and businesses, and having this coverage helps them recover faster when floodwaters recede; and

WHEREAS, FEMA provides Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for flood insurance and floodplain management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the local community or levee sponsor can choose to provide documentation to FEMA that demonstrates the levee meets FEMA's requirements in Mapping Areas Protected by Levee Systems to be accredited; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) may perform a NFIP levee system evaluation at the request of a local sponsor or community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton ("City") is desirous of entering into an Agreement with the Department of the Army for an accelerated levee system evaluation attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the City's financial contribution towards this project was captured and accounted for in the 2024 Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this legislation is to provide the approval for the City to enter into an Agreement with the USACE for an accelerated levee system evaluation for the purpose of the national flood insurance program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are authorized to execute and enter into an agreement between the Department of the Army and the City Of Scranton, Pennsylvania for an accelerated levee system evaluation.

SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Resolution or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Resolution and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval.

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SECTION 3. This Resolution is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under the authority of the Act of Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, Known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law", and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

Passed by the Council March 26, 2024 Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons

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