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FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 15 2024

AN ORDINANCE

RATIFYING THE CONFIRMATORY DEED FOR PROPERTY SITUATE AT 2811 NORTH MAIN AVENUE IN SCRANTON PA, 18508, TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2023, the City of Scranton experienced heavy rainfall and flooding in areas of residential homes and along certain waterways and roadways; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 2811 North Main Avenue in Scranton, PA, 18508 was substantially damaged during the flooding event on September 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a title search, the City of Scranton learned that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") owned the property at issue and discussed herein; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 5, 2024, the City of Scranton by and through its City Engineer received a copy of the confirmatory deed transferring interests of the same to the City of Scranton from PennDOT. A true and accurate copy of the executed and filed Quitclaim Deed dated December 13, 2023 is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of both parties to allow the City of Scranton to enter into this Deed in Confirmation so that the City of Scranton may condemn and/or demolish the damaged structure thereon.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, that the Quitclaim Deed, also known as Instrument Number 202402623 and incorporated hereto as Exhibit A, recorded within the Lackawanna County Recorder of Deeds on or about February 26, 2024 is hereby approved and ratified by this Council so that the Mayor and/or other appropriate City Officials may condemn and/or demolish the damaged structure thereon.

SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance 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 Ordinance, so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Ordinance 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 Ordinance and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval. SECTION 3. This Ordinance 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

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons

ROTHCLED MCANDREW.

President

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Mayo:

City Clerk