NORTH ANNVILLE TOWNSHIP
LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. ___3___ OF 2026

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN TOWNSHIP-OWNED OR TOWNSHIP-CONTROLLED PROPERTIES TO BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS AND PROHIBITING TRESPASSING THEREON EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY NORTH ANNVILLE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, North Annville Township is a township of the second class organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of North Annville Township has responsibility for the care, custody, control, management, and protection of Township-owned and Township-controlled real property, buildings, facilities, equipment, infrastructure, and other municipal assets; and

WHEREAS, certain Township properties, facilities, structures, utility areas, maintenance areas, storage areas, rights-of-way, stormwater facilities, public works areas, equipment yards, and other Township-owned or Township-controlled areas are not intended, designed, improved, or maintained for general public access or recreational use; and

WHEREAS, unauthorized entry upon such properties may create risks to public safety, interfere with Township operations, expose Township property or infrastructure to damage, and impair the Township's ability to perform governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to provide clear public notice that designated Township properties are not open to the public and that entry or remaining thereon without authorization is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, 18 Pa.C.S. § 3503 recognizes that notice against trespass may be given by actual communication, posting in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders, fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to exclude intruders, and other methods authorized by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of North Annville Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. Declaration of Restricted Township Properties. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that the Township-owned or Township-controlled properties, buildings, facilities, structures, utility areas, stormwater facilities, public works areas, maintenance areas, storage areas, equipment yards, easements, rights-of-way, and other areas identified by the Township from time to time as being closed or restricted are not open to the public, except as expressly authorized by the Township.

2. No Trespassing. No person shall enter upon, remain upon, use, occupy, damage, tamper with, or otherwise access any Restricted Township Property without prior authorization from North Annville Township or its authorized officers, employees, agents, or representatives. Any person who enters or remains upon Restricted Township Property without authorization may be treated as a trespasser and may be subject to enforcement under applicable law.

3. Authorization for Posting and Notice. The Township Manager, Township Secretary, Roadmaster, or other authorized Township representative is hereby authorized and directed to cause Restricted Township Properties to be posted with signs or other legally sufficient notice,

including signs stating “NO TRESPASSING,” “NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,” “AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY,” or substantially similar language. Such signs or notices may be placed at entrances, access points, boundaries, gates, fences, buildings, structures, equipment yards, and other locations reasonably likely to come to the attention of people approaching or entering the property.

4. Fencing, Gates, Locks, and Barriers. The Township is authorized to install, maintain, repair, replace, close, lock, or otherwise secure fences, gates, doors, barriers, bollards, chains, locks, cameras, lighting, and other measures reasonably necessary to protect Restricted Township Properties and to manifest that such areas are not open to public entry.

5. Exceptions. This Resolution shall not prohibit access by Township officials, employees, contractors, consultants, emergency responders, law enforcement personnel, utility providers, governmental agencies, invitees, licensees, permittees, or other people expressly authorized by the Township to enter Restricted Township Property for official, operational, maintenance, inspection, emergency, contractual, or other lawful purposes.

6. Enforcement. Township officials, employees, agents, police officers, and representatives are authorized to communicate notice against trespass, to direct unauthorized persons to leave Restricted Township Property, and to request assistance from law enforcement as appropriate. Nothing in this Resolution shall limit the Township’s right to pursue any civil, criminal, equitable, administrative, or other remedy available under law.

7. Designation of Additional Properties. The Board of Supervisors may, by motion, resolution, minute entry, signage, map, list, or other official Township action or record, identify additional Township properties or portions thereof as Restricted Township Properties, and the absence of a property from any particular list or map shall not be construed to open any Township property to public access where the Township has otherwise provided notice or restricted access.

8. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution is held to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect or impair the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of North Annville Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, at a public meeting held this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Township Secretary

NORTH ANNVILLE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Supervisor