

RESOLUTION NO. 4 of 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE ACT 537 PLAN OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (hereinafter “the municipality”).

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 (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, requires the City of Nanticoke to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan (Act 537 Plan) providing for sewage services, 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, the City of Nanticoke has prepared an **Act 537 Plan Update, dated December 2025**, which provides an updated plan for long-term sewage disposal needs for the City of Nanticoke and for portions of Newport Township and Hanover Township. There are certain properties in the City of Nanticoke that are connected to the Newport Township Sewer Authority (NTSA) sewage collection system, there are portions of the NTSA sewer collection system that discharge into the City of Nanticoke sewer collection system, and there are certain properties in Hanover Township that are connected to the City of Nanticoke Sewer System.

WHEREAS, the alternatives of choice to address long-term sewage disposal needs can be summarized below:

The selected Alternatives are No. 3 and No. 14. These alternatives consist of the continued use of existing municipal or non-municipal sewage facilities through one or more of the following: repair, upgrading, reduction of hydraulic and organic loading to existing facilities, and improved O&M on an as-needed basis, as well as the continuation of the existing financial and operational system while allowing for future growth within the City, Hanover Township and Newport Township. No new Institutional Arrangements are necessary to implement the chosen alternatives.

The City will continue to utilize the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) for sewage treatment and for conveyance utilizing WVSA pump stations, force mains, diversion chambers and interceptor sewers. WVSA will own and operate, repair and upgrade its facilities and charge a fee to users.

The City will continue to own and operate and maintain its existing sewer system. It will accommodate the proposed future growth areas within the city and in Hanover Township to the south by allowing the sewage to flow through the city’s system and into the WVSA system. The small area of South Middle Road will continue to flow into the Newport Township system and any infill development in this sewer shed should flow into the same system. Future growth areas near Vista Drive in Newport Township towards the northwest of the city will have sewage flow through the city’s system and into the WVSA system.

Development in and adjacent to the city provides jobs for Nanticoke

residents, stabilizes housing prices and increases economic activity. Because the city does not have to fund the sewer system improvements, as it would be the responsibility of the developer, these benefits are realized with little or no cost.

The administrative portion of the alternative consists of a continuation of the existing financial and operational system. The City of Nanticoke will continue to own its sewer collection system and maintain it through the work of its Sewer Department and the use of outside contractors as required for large repairs.

The combination of the chosen Alternatives No. 3 and 14 represents the best technical solution for Nanticoke's wastewater disposal needs across all key criteria. It supports current demands, prepares for future growth, maintains system integrity and does so in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner without requiring new institutional burdens.

Schedule of Implementation: None, because the plan does not require any construction or other administrative changes. The plan will be implemented upon approval by PADEP and 30 days after publication in the PA Bulletin.

The anticipated annual sewer user fee will remain the same: \$125/EDU (which totals \$345/EDU including the WVSA annual fee).

WHEREAS, the municipality finds that the Act 537 Plan Update described above conforms to applicable zoning, subdivision, other municipal ordinances and plans, and to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management. The recommendations that directly concern the City of Nanticoke are compatible with the objectives of the City of Nanticoke's Official Sewage Facilities Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Nanticoke hereby adopt and submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan" of the municipality, the portions of the above referenced Act 537 Plan Update that concern the City of Nanticoke. The municipality hereby assures the Department of the complete and timely implementation of the said plan as required by law. (Section 5, Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act as amended).

Resolved and enacted this 21st day of January, 2026.

ATTEST

THE CITY OF NANTICOKE

Jennifer W. Polito, City Clerk

Joseph Dougherty, President of Council