**AMENDMENT**

BILL NO. 1 – 2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM,

COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON,

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING

ARTICLE 1161 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF

THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM TITLED

“HEALTH NUISANCES”

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**NOXIOUS WEEDS AND INVASIVE PLANTS DEFINED**; HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS; REMOVAL.

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**~~the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. This includes but is not limited to species classified as running bamboo, as well as species listed on the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Invasive Plant list.~~**

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 Sponsored by /s/ Olga Negrón

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