

# CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 9267

DATE 3-3-22

TITLE

## RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CERTIFYING OFFICER

**WHEREAS**, the City of Williamsport, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, must appoint an Environmental Review Certifying Officer for the City's Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Program, Emergency Solutions Grants Program, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development funded grant programs; and

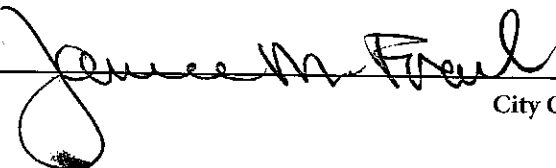
**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Program, Emergency Solutions Grants Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development funded grant programs and the National Environmental Policy Act, it is necessary for the City of Williamsport to designate a Certifying Officer to serve as the "responsible" official to oversee the City of Williamsport's environmental requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certifying Officer will represent the City of Williamsport for environmental matters as they relate to the Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Program, Emergency Solutions Grants Program, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development funded grant programs, and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal courts in the case of environmental litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certifying Officer will assure that all environmental, procedural, and record requirements are fully and properly satisfied; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certifying Officer will oversee or perform all necessary functions required for environmental reviews, including consultations with all appropriate agencies directly concerned with environmental issues or having environmental responsibilities associated with the City of Williamsport's projects, and the public comment process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT**, that the Williamsport City Council hereby appoints Jon Sanders as the Certifying Officer.

  
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City Clerk

Approved

  
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President

# 24 CFR § 58.13 - Responsibilities of the certifying officer.

## **§ 58.13 Responsibilities of the certifying officer.**

Under the terms of the certification required by § 58.71, a responsible entity's certifying officer is the "responsible Federal official" as that term is used in section 102 of NEPA and in statutory provisions cited in § 58.1(b). The Certifying Officer is therefore responsible for all the requirements of section 102 of NEPA and the related provisions in 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508, and 24 CFR part 58, including the related Federal authorities listed in § 58.5. The Certifying Officer must also:

- (a)** Represent the responsible entity and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal courts. The Certifying Officer will not be represented by the Department of Justice in court; and
- (b)** Ensure that the responsible entity reviews and comments on all EISs prepared for Federal projects that may have an impact on the recipient's program.