



RESOLUTION # 26-07

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BEQUEST OF THE FORTNUM PROPERTY (PARCEL 206000680000) TO THE CITY OF BERLIN

WHEREAS, per the final wishes of Richard N. Fortnum, as stated in the Fortnum Joint Revocable Trust dated 2.20.2020 as amended 4.23.2020, the membership interests of Capron Corners, LLC shall be donated to the City of Berlin, Wisconsin, for its general purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council, by approval of Resolution 26-04 declared the Fortnum Property (Parcel 206000680000) to be a blighted area and declared that the City may proceed to take title of the blighted property for purposes of blight elimination consistent with Wis. Stat. § 66.1331 by means of bequest; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued a Local Governmental Unit (LGU) Liability Clarification Letter – Fortnum Property, Berlin Wisconsin 54923 Parcel #206000680000 BRRTS Activity Name: Fortnum Property Capron Corners BRRTS #: 07-24-598611 on July 7, 2026. The letter clarifying that the City of Berlin meets the definition of a “local government unit” and is eligible to obtain the LGU environmental liability exemption authorized by Wis. Stat. § 292.11(9)(e) and that the City acquiring the property for the purpose of blight elimination makes the City eligible for the LGU environmental liability exemption.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Berlin accepts the Bequest of Capron Corners, LLC of the Fortnum Property (Parcel 206000680000) for the City’s general purposes and specifically for the purpose of blight elimination.

Adopted this 12th day of August, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

5 AYES
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT

CITY OF BERLIN

BY: C. Burgess
Catrina Burgess, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessi Balcom
Jessi Balcom
Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer