

*No. 02-26-OR*

**AN ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to rename Youghiogheny River Bridge No. 1 (Sutersville Bridge), which is located within Elizabeth Township, Allegheny County and Sutersville Borough, Westmoreland County.

**Whereas**, Allegheny County and Westmoreland County currently co-own and maintain Youghiogheny River Bridge No. 1 (Sutersville Bridge); and

**Whereas**, Sutersville Borough resident and Army veteran Mark Ghion has requested that local elected officials rename the Youghiogheny River Bridge No. 1 (Sutersville Bridge) as a memorial to area servicemembers killed in action while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

**Whereas**, more than 30 servicemembers from Elizabeth Township and Sutersville Borough have been killed in action in active duty; and

**Whereas**, the renaming of Youghiogheny River Bridge No. 1 (Sutersville Bridge) as the Sons of Sutersville and Elizabeth Fallen Heroes Memorial Bridge would honor those servicemembers for making the ultimate sacrifice in support and defense of our nation; and

**Whereas**, such renaming constitutes a valid public purpose serving the interests of the residents of Allegheny County.

***The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:***

***SECTION 1.           Incorporation of the Preamble.***

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference as set forth in their entirety herein.

***SECTION 2.           Authorization to Rename Bridges and Enroll Same in the Records of Allegheny County and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.***

That Council deems it advisable and necessary to rename the Youghiogheny River Bridge No. 1 (Sutersville Bridge) as the Sons of Sutersville and Elizabeth Fallen Heroes Memorial Bridge. The Department of Public Works and all other departments within Allegheny County government are directed to enroll and rename the bridge in official Allegheny County records and request that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) rename the bridge in its Bridge Management System 2.

**SECTION 3.           Severability.**

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.           Repealer.**

Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the some affects this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.           Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall enter into effect immediately.

**PRIMARY SPONSOR:** Chief Executive Sara Innamorato & Councilman Aaron Adams

**CO-SPONSORS:**

Enacted in Council, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

Council Agenda No. 15314-26



**Patrick Catena**  
President of Council

Attest:



**Jared Barker**  
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office February 27, 2026

Approved:



**Sara Innamorato**  
Chief Executive

Attest:



**John Fournier**  
County Manager

## **Summary**

Authorization to rename Youghiogheny River Bridge No. 1 (Sutersville Bridge), located within Elizabeth Township, Allegheny County and Sutersville Borough, Westmoreland County, to the Sons of Sutersville and Elizabeth Fallen Heroes Memorial Bridge to honor local servicemembers for making the ultimate sacrifice in support and defense of our nation.

# MEMORANDUM

## OFFICE OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

TO: Jared Barker  
Chief Clerk and Director of Legislative Services  
Allegheny County Council

FROM: Ernest Rajakone  
Deputy Chief of Staff, Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato

CC: John Fournier  
County Manager

DATE: January 22, 2026

RE: **Renaming Sutersville Bridge**

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An Ordinance providing authorization to rename Youghiogheny River Bridge No. 1 (Sutersville Bridge), located within Elizabeth Township, Allegheny County and Sutersville Borough, Westmoreland County, to the Sons of Sutersville and Elizabeth Fallen Heroes Memorial Bridge to honor local servicemembers for making the ultimate sacrifice in support and defense of our nation.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed the Ordinance prior to submission to the Council.

On behalf of Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato, I am requesting this Ordinance be included on the agenda for introduction at the Regular Meeting of County Council on January 27, 2026.