



ACT 152-2016 INITIAL REPORT

Act 152-2016 amends Act 87-1982 to create a county demolition fund in every county, including home rule counties, and allows the governing body of any county to adopt a resolution or an ordinance that authorizes the recorder of deeds to charge and collect a maximum fee of \$15 for each deed and mortgage recorded. The fee must be deposited in the county demolition fund and used exclusively for the demolition of blighted property in the county.

Within 90 days of imposing the fee, a county that creates a demolition fund must file an initial report with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) which includes plans on how the fund resources are going to be spent. The county must follow up with an annual report within 12 months of imposing the fee and each subsequent year thereafter, detailing how many properties were demolished and the cost of demolition per property. DCED shall post the reports on its publicly accessible website. The legislation shall expire 10 years from its effective date, January 4, 2017.

Please submit the initial report and annual reports to RA-DCEDACT152-2016@pa.gov.

INITIAL REPORT

1. COUNTY: Blair		2. DATE: 11-28-17	
3. DATE ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION ENACTED: June 6, 2017		4. EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2017	
5. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES LIKELY TO BE DEMOLISHED PER YEAR: Three			
6. PLEASE PROVIDE A PLAN ON HOW THE REVENUE IN THE COUNTY BLIGHT DEMOLITION FUND UNDER ACT 152 OF 2016 IS INTENDED TO BE SPENT (A PRE-EXISTING BLIGHT DEMOLITION PLAN MAY ALSO SUPPLEMENT THIS INFORMATION): The Blair County Blight Demolition Fund is designed to generate revenue for the purpose of blight elimination and its impact on the community. Qualifying properties must meet at least three criteria of the blighted property definition act. Blair County Department of Social Services will administer the funds. On at least an annual basis, a meeting will take place with the City of Altoona, Blair County and Altoona Housing Authorities, Blair County Social Services and, Blair County Tax Claim Bureau. Invitations will be sent to Blair County Municipalities and other eligible entities to request funds. Recommended allocations of the funds will be forwarded to the Blair County Board of Commissioners for their approval.			
7. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO THE DEMOLITION PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY: The Blair County Department of Social Services is designated as the administering agency for the demolition fund. In consideration for its fulfillment of this designation, the Blair County Department of Social Services shall receive the following compensation: 5% of the demolition fund monies collected for general administrative expenses in administering the fund and up to 10% of the demolition fund monies collected for delivery costs related to carrying out eligible activities utilizing the demolition fund monies.			