



## 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.**

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<b>1. COUNTY:</b> CAMBRIA		<b>2. DATE:</b> 04/20/2017	
<b>3. DATE ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION ENACTED:</b> 01/26/2017		<b>4. EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 03/01/2017	
<b>5. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES LIKELY TO BE DEMOLISHED PER YEAR:</b> 6 to 8			
<b>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):</b>  <p>The Cambria County Demolitions Fund is designed to eliminate blight and its influences within the community. To qualify for participation, the following criteria have been established: 1) the property must be in public ownership through a municipality, redevelopment authority, community development corporation, or public non-profit organization, and 2) the property must qualify as blighted as set forth in PA Act 152 of 2016. An Application for Participation has been developed and distributed within the community. A plan for the re-use of the site is requested as part of the application and participation process. No liens will be placed on completed properties.</p> <p>Demolition and clearance activities may include the proper removal of hazardous materials, the disconnection of utilities, the obtaining of proper demolition permits, the razing of structures and the proper disposal of demolition waste, the backfilling and regrading of the site, the placement of cover materials such as seeding or shale gravel, and site clean-up.</p>			
<b>7. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO THE DEMOLITION PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY:</b>  <p>The Cambria County Redevelopment Authority will administer the Program by conducting a title search and property inspection report, by working with the property owner to satisfy liens and judgments, by conducting hazardous materials surveys, by advertising and awarding demolition contracts, and by conducting on-site inspections and observation of demolition work in progress. No more than 15% of the funds collected may be used by the Redevelopment Authority for administrative costs, and no more than 5% of the funds collected may be used by the Cambria County Recorder of Deeds for collection costs.</p>			