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Dear Mr. Brinton,

In accordance with P.L. 1170, No. 152 Amending P.L. 310, No. 87 (11/4/2016), enclosed please find the Initial Report for the Erie County Demolition Fund. Erie County enacted a \$14.75 Recorder of Fee charge to be used exclusively for demolition and related administration. The fee will be implemented on April 1, 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Yours Truly,

Katherine S Wyrosdick, AICP  
Director of Planning



## 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: Erie County		2. DATE: January 19, 2018	
3. DATE ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION ENACTED: December 19, 2017		4. EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2018	
5. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES LIKELY TO BE DEMOLISHED PER YEAR: 20 - 25 Properties			
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 Erie County Department of Planning will administer the demolition fund similar to our Act 137 Affordable Housing program. Annually we will send out a request for application for funding consideration. Eligible applicants will include units of local government and non-profit housing organizations. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and ranked according to locally established priorities. Those priorities have been set within the City of Erie as part of their Comprehensive Plan and subsequent neighborhood plans. Other municipalities will be assisted in setting priorities through a strategic blight planning process to help them compete for funding.			
7. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO THE DEMOLITION PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY:  Demolition funds will be leveraged with CDBG appropriations, Act 137, Gaming funds, and Keystone Communities grants.			