



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: Monroe		2. DATE: 12/4/2017	
3. DATE ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION ENACTED: August 16, 2017		4. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017	
5. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES LIKELY TO BE DEMOLISHED PER YEAR:			
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):			
<p>On August 16, 2017, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution under Pennsylvania Act 152 to create a demolition fund to address the problem of blighted properties in Monroe County, PA. The Monroe County Act 152 Demolition Fund enacted a \$15.00 Recorder of Deed charge to be used exclusively for demolition and related administration. The fee was implemented on October 1, 2017.</p> <p>In March 2017, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners approved a contract agreement with the Gulotta Group to assist in creating a Monroe County Land Bank to fight blight. To date, the County's Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Authority of the County Monroe has held two (2) workshops for the local municipalities to provide technical assistance and provide sample ordinances on blight prevention in their respective communities. Also a Blighted Properties Survey was sent out to all 20 municipalities.</p> <p>It is anticipated to generate the demolition funds over the next year to be used as a funding source for the future Land Bank's activities in the effort to fight blight.</p>			
7. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO THE DEMOLITION PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY:			
A decision on an administering agency has not been indicated.			