



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: NORTHUMBERLAND		2. DATE: 9-25-2017
3. DATE ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION ENACTED: 9-5-2017	4. EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-1-2017	
5. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES LIKELY TO BE DEMOLISHED PER YEAR: THREE TO FIVE		
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 NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY BLIGHT DEMOLITION FUND IS DEISGNEED TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY SITUATE IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY IS APPOINTED THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY FOR THE DEMOLITION FUND. A PROPERTY SHALL MEET AT LEAST THREE CRITERIA OF THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY DEFINITION ACT TO QUALIFY. ON AT LEAST AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WILL INVITE MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES TO APPLY FOR THE FUNDS USING AN APPLICATION FORM PROVIDED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. FUND MONIES MAY ALSO BE RESERVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY , WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A MATCH FOR OTHER FUNDING SOURCES OR TO PERFORM OTHER BLIGHT RELATED ACTIVITIES. ALLOCATIONS WILL BE RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY FOR APPROVAL BY THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO PROPERTIES THAT ARE (1) OWNED BY A MUNICIPALITY, HOUSING AUTHORITY, LAND BANK, OR PUBLIC NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION (2) LOCATED IN A COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AREA OR A GATEWAY STREET INTO THE COMMUNITY.		
7. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO THE DEMOLITION PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY: THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY IS DESIGNATED THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY FOR THE DEMOLITION FUND. IN CONSIDERATION FOR ITS FULFILLMENT OF SAID DESIGNATION THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SHALL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING COMPENSATION (A) 5% OF THE DEMOLITION FUND MONIES COLLECTED FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES IN ADMINISTERING THE FUND, (B) UP TO 10% OF THE DEMOLITION FUND MONIES COLLECTED FOR DELIVERY COSTS RELATED TO CARRYING OUT ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UTILIZING THE DEMOLITION FUND MONIES.		