

Bill No. **3794-08**

NO. **16-08-OR**

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," by the creation of a new Article 490 entitled "Financing Fees," in order to establish a process for reviewing the County's fees for certain financing activities.

WHEREAS, County Council periodically designates certain financing initiatives undertaken through County authorities as beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the County's residents under the terms of the Municipality Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS, the County traditionally charges fees for the involvement of the County and its authorities in these financing initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these fees do not appear to be subject to any existing fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, Council has never been presented with a comprehensive delineation of the fees actually charged; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Council to be fully informed as to the calculation and amount of these fees and their uses in assisting in the provision of County services to its residents in order to adequately evaluate the true effect of these activities on the County;

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION 1.

The Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," is hereby amended by the creation of a new Article 490 entitled "Financing Fees," comprised as follows:

§490-01. Financing fee reporting.

- A. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Article, and no later than January 31 of each calendar year thereafter, the County Manager and Department of Economic Development shall provide County Council with a Financing Activity Fee Report. This report shall specifically delineate all fees generated in the prior calendar year from all financing activities

for which legislative concurrence was required by the County under the terms of applicable law and which were undertaken on behalf of any entity by:

1. The Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County;
 2. The Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority;
 3. The Allegheny County Residential Finance Authority;
 4. The Authority for Improvements in Municipalities;
 5. The Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority; and
 6. The Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority;
- B. The report required by this Section shall include, at a minimum, a delineation of the means by which the fees were calculated, the amount of each fee, whether any fees remain unpaid at the end of the calendar year, and the use(s) to which the fees have been or are to be put. The report shall also include an estimate of the anticipated fee revenues for coming years from existing fee arrangements that are subject to the reporting requirement of this Section.

SECTION 2.

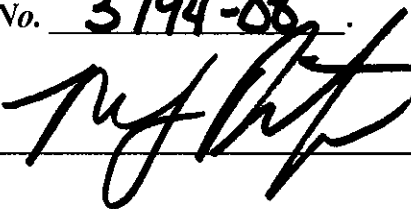
If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON


CO-SPONSOR:

Enacted in Council, this 20th day of May, 2008,

Council Agenda No. 3794-08.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 

John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office  May 28, 2008

Approved: 

Dan Onorato
Chief Executive

Attest: 

Donna Beltz
Executive's Secretary