

MOTION OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Motion expressing the Sense of Council commending and supporting the City of Pittsburgh for introducing Bill No. 2007-1112 that would establish a program for identifying and registering vacant properties; determine the responsibilities of owners of such buildings and to speed the rehabilitation of vacant buildings and encouraging every municipality within Allegheny County to adopt a similar program.

WHEREAS, vacant properties create costly problems, are unsightly, unsafe and have a negative effect on their surroundings; and

WHEREAS, vacant properties are harmful to communities because they indicate neighborhoods are in distress; and

WHEREAS, vacant properties discourage private investment, thereby stunting neighborhood redevelopment and growth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh has set an example for other local governments to follow, because their vacant property program will minimize the harm done by vacant properties to communities and help restore these properties to productive use; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a program of this nature should reduce the tax burden for the residents of the municipalities which participate;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that we hereby commend and support the City of Pittsburgh for introducing Bill No. 2007-1112 which will establish a vacant property program to help improve the city's quality of life, and we recommend municipalities within Allegheny County consider adopting a similar program.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER DROZD

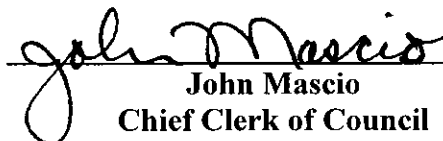
In Council March 6, 2007.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John

From: Mascio, John
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2007 3:10 PM
To: Linda Johnson-Wasler, Chief Clerk, Pittsburgh City Council
Subject: Bill No. 3100-07 Motion of Allegheny County Council
Attachments: 3100-07 Motion Vacant Properties.doc

Dear Ms. Johnson-Wasler,

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 6, 2007, Council passed a Motion (attached) sponsored by Council Member Drozd expressing the Sense of Allegheny County Council commending and supporting the City of Pittsburgh for introducing Bill No. 2007-1112 that would establish a program for identifying and registering vacant properties; determine the responsibilities of owners of such buildings and to speed the rehabilitation of vacant buildings and encouraging every municipality within Allegheny County to adopt a similar program.

The Motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-3 as follows:

Voting yes were Council Members Drozd, DeFazio, Rea, Burn, Cleary, Gastgeb, Macey, Martoni, Robinson, Fitzgerald, and Frazier.

Council Members Caldwell, Finnerty, and Lestitian abstained, and Council Member Fawcett was not present for the vote.

Kindly distribute a copy of this Motion to all Members of City Council.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

3/26/2007