

**MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY,**  
urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to move with all deliberate speed in permitting all  
counties within the Commonwealth to avail themselves of supplemental revenue streams that are  
currently available only to Philadelphia and Allegheny County.

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County has historically derived virtually all of the revenue used  
to fund its operations from taxes on real property; and

**WHEREAS**, in July of this year, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed Act 44 of  
2007, which gave the County the authority to alter its tax structure in order to provide additional  
revenues for the County's operations through the imposition of an alcoholic beverage and/or  
rental vehicle taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, similar revenue streams have been in place in Philadelphia for years; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing only two counties in Pennsylvania to utilize these alternative  
means of generating revenue places the remaining counties in the Commonwealth at a  
disadvantage insofar as it locks them into a tax structure that is almost entirely dependent upon  
property owners, a single segment of the population; and

**WHEREAS**, this inequality may also discourage the purchase of property in counties  
that rely solely on property tax revenues insofar as property owners bear a lower percentage of  
Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties' total tax burden due to the availability of other tax  
revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of Council that all counties would benefit from having the  
ability to enact similar taxes if they should need and choose to do so;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED** that the Council hereby urges the Pennsylvania General  
Assembly to move with all deliberate speed in permitting all counties within the Commonwealth  
to avail themselves of supplemental revenue streams that are currently available only to  
Philadelphia and Allegheny County.

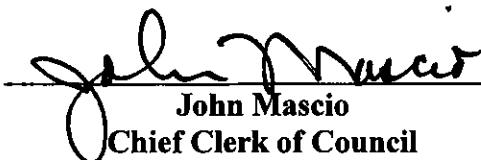
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In Council December 4 2007.

Read and Approved.

  
Rich Fitzgerald  
President of Council

Attest:

  
John Mascio  
Chief Clerk of Council