

Armstrong County Commissioners Adopt Act 152

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ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT ACT 152 TO BATTLE BLIGHT

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners have taken a proactive step in battling blighted and abandoned properties across the county.

During the board's public meeting Aug. 17, 2017, the three commissioners adopted a resolution under Pennsylvania's Act 152, which authorizes the recorder of deeds to charge and collect a \$15 fee for each deed and mortgage that is recorded. Collected fees will be deposited into a specific fund to be used for the demolition of blighted properties within the county.

The resolution, which took effect on Oct. 1, 2017, follows a recommendation by the Armstrong County Blight Task Force to help establish a designated funding source to address the problem of blight.

"This is a response to concerns raised by a number of municipalities during our Town Hall Meetings last fall," said Pat Fabian, Chairman of the Armstrong County Board of Commissioners. "We believe this will go a long way toward cleaning up our communities and making the county a more attractive place to move to, and to live in."

The new increase is expected to bring in approximately \$50,000 in annual revenue and must be used exclusively for demolition purposes.